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Lawson turns on his critics as pound slips

CBI told to seize sales opportunity

By Rodney Lord and John Winder

Mr Nigel Lawson, facing what his colleagues call the most difficult speech ever for a Chancellor at a Tory conference, yesterday rounded on his critics.

The Chancellor said it was no use "running away" from what had to be done to keep down inflation. It was up to British industry to control its costs and not to push the country into recession.

In foreign exchange markets the pound eased back from its higher levels of the previous day as the dollar again rose strongly.

In late afternoon trading in London it was 1 cent below its previous close against the dollar to $1.6035 and 0.4 pfennigs lower at DM3.0374 in spite of Bank of England support.

Share prices which earlier in the day showed a sharp drop closed little changed with the FTSE index down 4.1 at 2277.5.

Mr Lawson, who is anticipating a fierce reception when he addresses the Tory conference on Thursday, has clearly been angered by the Confederation of British Industry's criticisms that the interest rate increase was unnecessary.

Yesterday he said on BBC radio that it was possible that the economy could slip into recession but that it was up to British industry to respond and win new markets.

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He told British industry that if it kept a firm grip on costs, and could maintain and increase its share of world markets — both the British and overseas markets — there would be no recession.

"British industry and British management is in better shape than it has been for some time," he said "As the British economy slows down the opportunity is there and they must seize it."

However, high street shops said yesterday that they expected a further nose-dive in sales in the wake of the latest rise in interest rates. Retailers of household and electrical goods were particularly worried about prospects in the normally buoyant run-up to Christmas.

The expected rise in mortgage rates would syphon off a lot of spending power from an already depressed high street. It would also "knock the stuffing" out of the housing market, estate agents said. Personal debt problems are expected to increase.

The CBI's next survey of manufacturing trends will be published at the end of this month, and firms are just beginning to be asked to indicate their outlook, but returns are expected to be pessimistic.

The collapse of the housing market, which has shown itself in closure of estate agents' offices up and down the country, is also affecting the sales of domestic appliances, furniture, household textiles and do-it-yourself goods.

When Mr Lawson speaks to the Conservatives, party MPs are expecting him to be a little more sympathetic than he has been in recent months about the plight of mortgage holders.

Last night in Brighton, where the Labour conference is meeting, Mr Neil Kinnock said that the Government's economic strategy was a shambles.

"We have got a government of leeches now and what this country needs is a government of active, sensible people who will build out of the mess the Tories are going to leave behind."

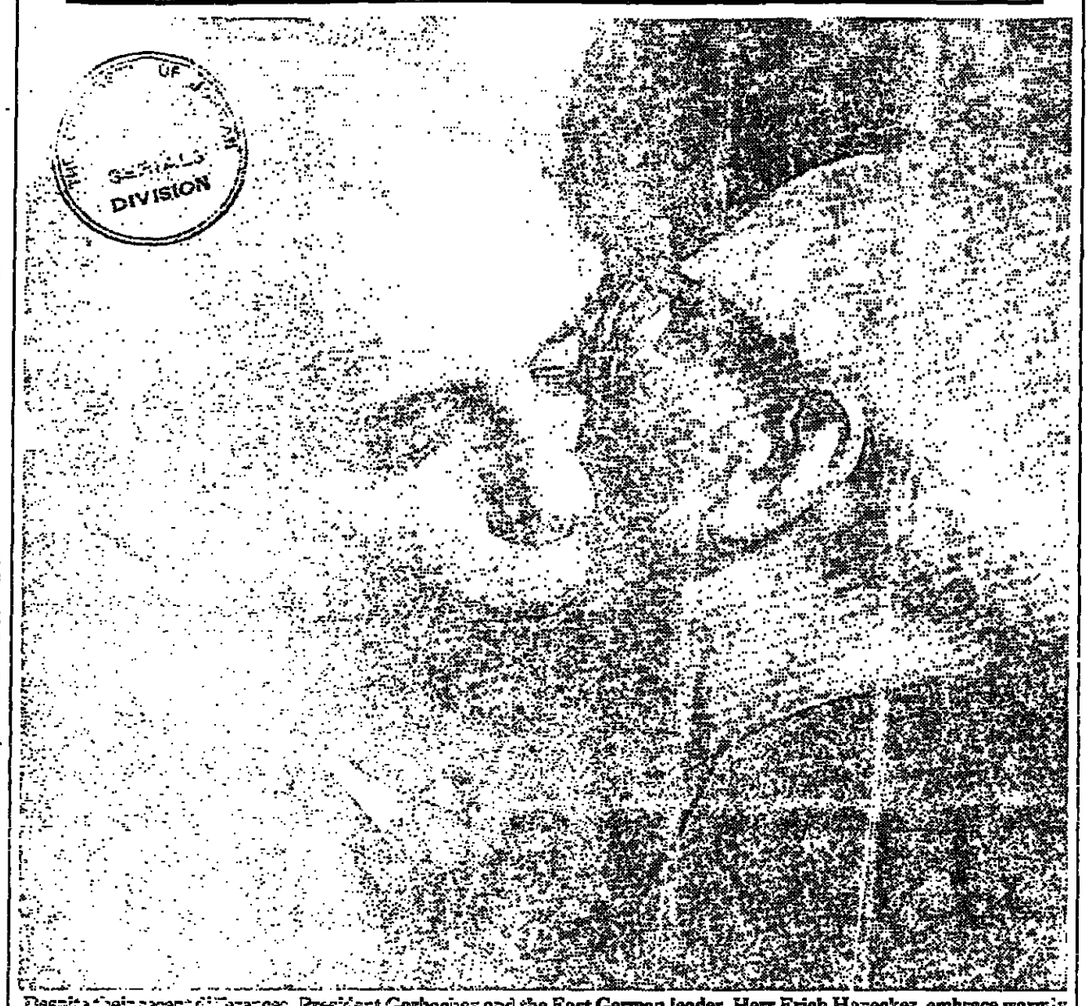
If Labour were in power now, Mr Kinnock said, credit controls similar to those operated by West Germany would be introduced.

Sir Fred Catherwood, former director-general of the National Economic Development Council, and MEP for Cambridgeshire and North Bedfordshire, urged that Britain join the EMS exchange rate mechanism. In this he has the CBI as a strong ally.

Sir Fred said that Britain was using loss of sovereignty as a reason for not joining the mechanism, but in fact was totally governed by what the Bundesbank did.It would be better to join the mechanism and work through that.

The CBI view is that the pound would not have swung so sharply if it had been in the mechanism. Members there refer to a chart which shows the oscillating movement of the pound against the mark, and compares that with the much more even progress of the French franc, which is within the mechanism.

Welcome for a comrade in arms



Despite their recent differences, President Gorbachov and the East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker, embrace warmly as the Soviet leader arrives for his two-day visit to East Berlin yesterday.

Gorbachov says 'don't panic'

From Ian Murray, East Berlin

In a bold bid to encourage reform by the hardline East German regime, President Gorbachov tried to talk directly to the people here yesterday, urging them not to abandon their country but to help adapt it.

"Don't panic," he said as the crowd outside the tomb to the Unknown Soldier chanted "Gorby Gorby." As they clapped and whistled he said: "Please stay here."

In a clear reference to the refusal so far of Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, to consider reform, he warned there was danger for those who failed to react to political realities. In contrast he said that those who were ready to adapt would face no difficulties.

The message to stay in the country was welcome to the East German leadership, but his call for change was the kind of thing they had been dreading since he was invited as guest of honour at the country's 40th anniversary.

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The Soviet leader took advantage of his visit to lay a wreath at the memorial to "victims of fascism" to make his direct appeal. He was was later taken on an hour-long drive round the city. Tens of thousands of people lined the way, waving flags and chanting "Gorby, Gorby." Some threw bunches of flowers at his big black Zil limousine and he waved back at them from the open rear window.

The route of the procession was not made known in advance and it is likely that the crowd and the flags had been organized, as has been the case in the past with visits by other Russian leaders. However, there could be no pretence about the warmth of the welcome given to the Soviet leader by the crowds along the way. After his drive round the city he went on to the massive Soviet war memorial at Treptow where 20,000 Russian soldiers who died in the battle for Berlin in 1945 are buried.

President Gorbachov broke away from the official party after a wreath-laying ceremony there to talk to some of the young people. He told them that the memory of those who had died must be kept alive and that it should

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● Minnie and Mickey are coming to Europe, and for 707p a share British investors can go along for the ride. On Monday *The Times* will publish the full Euro Disneyland prospectus, along with investment advice in the Tempus column.

Nuns save chickens from death

A group of 13 nuns prevented Government officials from slaughtering their chickens yesterday by locking themselves in a hen-house with the flock. Ministry of Agriculture veterinary officials arrived at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Passion at Daventry, Northamptonshire, to kill 5,000 laying chickens after salmonella was found in the birds. They found 13 nuns padlocked inside a wooden chicken house and withdrew after the UK Egg Producers Association arrived to support the sisters ..... Page 16

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Murderer wins £4,000 over Scots jail attack

By Kerry Gill

Thomas "TC" Campbell, a convicted murderer, serving a life sentence for killing six members of a family during the notorious Glasgow ice cream wars, was yesterday awarded £4,000 damages against the Secretary of State for Scotland.

It is less than three months since Campbell, known as "TC" because he has his initials tattooed inside his lower lip, was awarded £250 in an out of court settlement against the Secretary of State over bugs in his cell bed.

Campbell, aged 36, had sued for £40,000 after alleging that he was attacked and seriously injured, suffering a ruptured bowel, by prison officers in his cell at Peterhead Prison in November, 1985.

The Court of Session in Edinburgh, Scotland's supreme civil court, yesterday assessed damages at £4,000. Previously Campbell, who was jailed for a minimum of 20 years in 1984, sued the Secretary of State for £1,000 after he claimed he was tormented by bugs said to be red poultry mites. In July, he was offered the £250 settlement which he then donated to the Save the Children Fund.

Labour to abolish union block vote

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night declared he was ready to be Prime Minister as he left the Labour party conference buoyed by the latest opinion poll giving the party a nine point lead over the Tories.

The Labour leader was in a confident mood as delegates left Brighton after what Mr Kinnock described as "landmark conference" that had put in place changes in policy and demonstrated party unity.

With an opinion poll showing that 48 per cent of those questioned were satisfied with his leadership compared with 39 per cent for Mrs Thatcher, Mr Kinnock presented himself as a Prime Minister in waiting. He said: "I know I am tough and know I can see objectives and drive at them. That kind of tenacity is required. I have got it."

On the final day of one of the most disciplined and succesful Labour conferences since the early Sixties, delegates yesterday took the first steps towards cutting the influence of the trades union block vote and bringing greater democracy throughout the party when they backed reform of the conference and the party's policy making machinery.Early discussions will take place on how to reform the conference and policy making, including changes in the trade union block vote. Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union and a close ally of Mr Kinnock, called for the most far reaching changes in the party's consultution and structures in three decades.

He told delegates that the conference should sound the death knell of the block vote.

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Julie Ward inquest ends with insults

From Christopher Walker
Nairobi

After four weeks of conflicting evidence, the Julie Ward inquest concluded yesterday on a bitter note with the her father and the Kenyan authorities exchanging insults inside and outside court.

Having been informed that the verdict will be handed down in three weeks, Mr Ward said he had "considerable qualms" about whether it will back the claim of murder made by his lawyer and rejected yesterday by Mr Alex Etyang, Kenya's assistant deputy public prosecutor.

In his summing-up, Mr Etyang railed at the British media for suggesting that Kenyans may have murdered Julie, dismissed Mr Ward as lacking in gratitude for the work of the Kenyan police and attacked anyone who might suggest that Kenya was unsafe. Mr Etyang's address contained many racial overtones and he described as "offensive" Mr Ward's contention that toothpaste found at a remote rangers' outpost was a vital clue because most African rangers only clean their teeth with bark.

Calling on Mr Joseph Mango, the Chief Magistrate, to return a verdict of "death by misadventure" Mr Etyang attempted to knock down allegations of a high level cover-up. He told the court there was nothing to connect Mr Simon Makala, the senior game warden named by Mr Ward's lawyer as the principal suspect, with Julie Ward.

"The Kenyan authorities have been subjected to abuse and insults," he said, occasionally glaring at the rows of British reporters whom he had attacked earlier. "That is what we get for being helpful."

On the steps of the neo-classical courthouse, Mr Ward hit back, claiming that he had in turn received no gratitude from the Kenyan Government for his private investigation that has thrown up most of the clues about Julie's death and cost him over £100,000.

"It is the whole Kenyan legal system and its method of police investigation that is on trial now," he said.

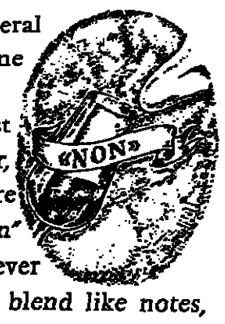
Asked at what level the alleged cover-up of his daughter's murder had been ordered, Mr Ward said: "It had to be higher than the Commissioner of Police and the Chief State Pathologist. So it went very high."

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College of the air is likely to survive with company cash

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Plans to create Britain's first aviation city technology college close to Heathrow Airport will survive the Government's decision to cut short the programme, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Grahame Leon-Smith, headmaster of Townmead School, West Drayton, said the disclosure that the CTC programme was to be halted in its present form would not affect his plans for a college of the air.

The Heathrow college plan could still go ahead, provided companies such as British Airways and the BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority) were willing to invest in it, he said.

Sir Cyril Taylor, chairman of the CTC Trust, said on Thursday that the Government had decided to abandon the CTC programme at the end of its pilot phase. Although the first 20 of the new 11-18 technology schools will open as planned, the Heathrow college was unlikely to go ahead, he said.

The Treasury has indicated that it is not prepared to go on bailing out the programme, which was meant to attract substantial private sector investment. Industry has provided only £50 million to the Treasury's £140 million.

Sir Cyril said that the capital cost of buying sites or carrying out refurbishment of existing buildings was proving too high. Instead he proposed a new type of CTC funded jointly with local authorities.

The "second wave" colleges would operate as voluntary-aided state schools enjoying the same status as church schools under local authority control in marked contrast to the independent status of the first 20.

Mr Leon-Smith said: "All along I have sought a partnership with our local authority. I welcome the suggestion that Sir Cyril has made.

"There is no reason why our project should not now go ahead in the new form. I have thought for a long time that this business of building big glass palaces at huge cost to the taxpayer was wrong."

The Conservative group on the London borough of Hillingdon, which controls the school, had promised to back the CTC plan if elected at next May's election.

Last year the council, at present controlled by an alliance of Labour and Democrat councillors, rebuffed Mr Leon-Smith's overtures but he is confident of securing industrial backing in any event.

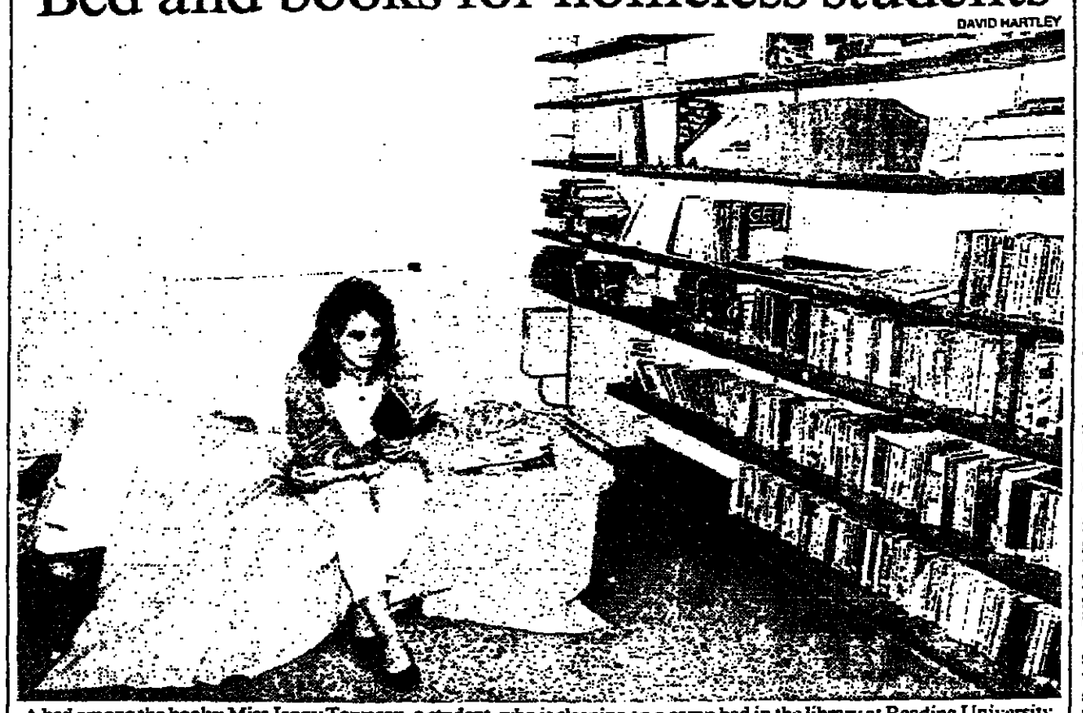
The school has a pioneering industrial council through which it maintains regular contact with local industry, including airlines and airport-related businesses.

BAA said yesterday that it had been approached to support the Townmead CTC project but no commitment had been given. British Airways said: "This is the kind of thing which interests us but we have made no decision."

The reputation that Oxford and Cambridge enjoy as the finest universities in Britain received a blow last night with the revelation that more than 40 per cent of secondary school heads believe both are overrated. A survey of 88 heads, 37 deputy heads and 25 careers advisors found that 16 per cent agreed "strongly" with the view that both centres were overrated, while 27 per cent merely "agreed".

Bed and books for homeless students

DAVID HARTLEY



A bed among the books: Miss Jenny Townson, a student, who is sleeping on a camp bed in the library at Reading University.

By Sam Kiley
Higher Education Reporter

The National Union of Students has called for urgent talks with polytechnic directors and university vice-chancellors about the student housing crisis.

Miss Sarah Adams, welfare officer of the union, said that the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals had been approached after 6,000 extra students had started further education last month without there being accommodation for them. They are sleeping on library floors, in holiday camps and disused hospitals.

The move comes after widespread allegations from student union leaders in colleges that admissions officers deliberately over-recruited undergraduates to take advantage of an increase in per capita funding scheduled for next year.

They had also been caught off-balance by unusually good A level results, up by 5 per cent in many subjects this year.Institutions receive £607 for each student every year from the Department of Education and Science as a largely notional tuition fee. That will be increased to £1,670 next year as a recruitment incentive.

Miss Adams said: "If higher education is going to be expanded, administrators are going to have to think about where the students are going to live.

"Whatever happens in the fees debate, there will have to be more buildings and that will take considerable capital."

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Clarke's spending pledge over NHS

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The Government does not regard the National Health Service as a "temporary phenomena" to be tolerated only until it is privatized, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

He said the Government fully accepted that the health service, like education and local government, must continue to be provided for the most part by the public sector.

However, he issued a warning that in addition to being given more freedom to innovate and to manage itself, it had to be made more responsible for the quality of services it provided.

He dismissed as "total nonsense" the allegation that GPs were under government pressure to spend less time with their patients.

He said they would not face a cash limit on prescribing, but would be advised on how to make economies if they overspent.

Addressing the annual conference in Southport of the Society of Family Practitioner Committees, he said that family practitioner services were failing to respond to demands for improvements from patients, who often felt left out in being asked for their views.

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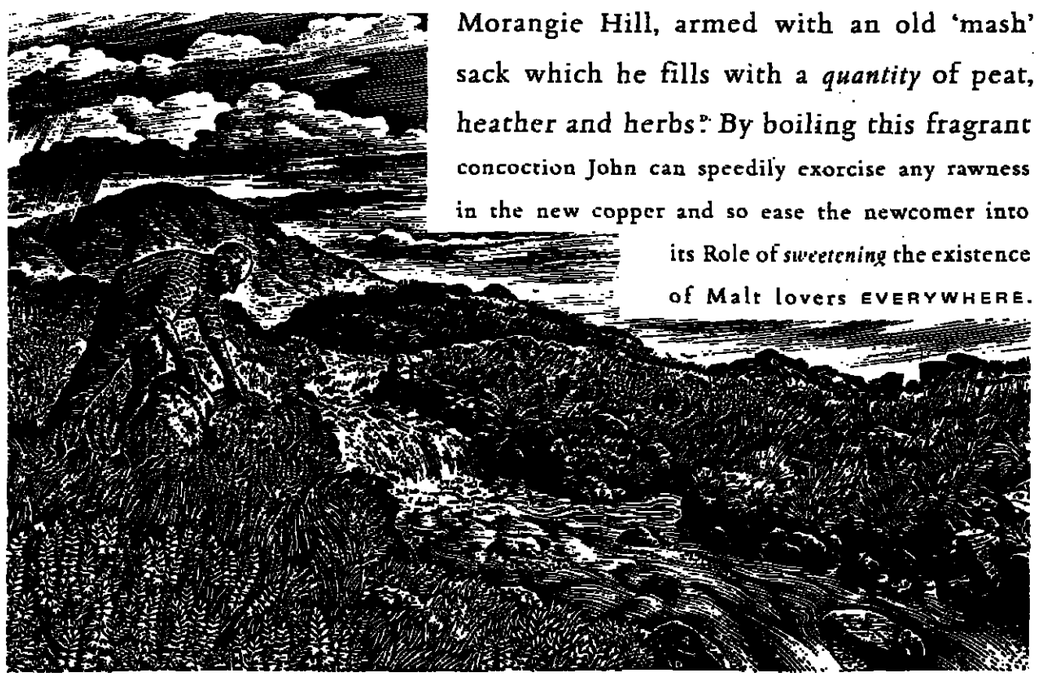
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NEWS ROUNDUP

Major pledges to support hostages

John McCarthy, the British journalist who was kidnapped in Beirut in 1986, was remembered yesterday at a requiem service for his mother, Sheila McCarthy, who died of cancer in July. She was aged 66.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, led prayers, while Mr John Major, the Foreign Secretary, read the lesson at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, central London.

Miss Jill Morrell, Mr McCarthy's friend who has mounted a campaign for his release, said after the service that she was "reassured" by the Foreign Secretary's presence. But she criticized the Government's policy over the hostages as "lacking in a lot of ways". She called for a more aggressive policy.

The Foreign Secretary rejected criticism that the Government was not doing enough to secure the hostages' release. "I'm doing all that can be done, and will continue to do all that can be done ... I am determined to keep it high on the public agenda."

Captain to be freed

Donald Niven Macnair, aged 49, of Uddingston, Glasgow, a ship's captain who was jailed for three months after his vessel struck a North Sea oil rig, had two months of the sentence suspended by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

However, Peter Garratt Masters, aged 37, of Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire, the second officer, lost his appeal against his six-month jail sentence. He was asleep in his quarters instead of being on watch aboard the 6,500-ton ship which was on its way to The Netherlans when the incident happened. No one was hurt.

Motorway advice

Mr Ivor Browning, aged 58, a shopkeeper, of Llwynypia, near Pontypridd, father of the man accused of the M50 murder, told Shrewsbury Crown Court yesterday that he advised him to use that motorway on his way to visit friends in Scotland on the day Mrs Marie Wilks, aged 22, of Worcester, disappeared. Mr Edward Browning, a nightclub bouncer of Triorchie, Mid Glamorgan, has pleaded not guilty to her murder.

Ambulance meeting

Department of Health representatives are to meet the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service next week on the ambulancemen's pay dispute (Anthony Hodges writes). This follows a two-hour meeting yesterday between ACAS and representatives of the unions involved, COHSE, Nupe and Nalgo. The London Ambulance service is to investigate allegations by union officials that two people have died as a result of staff shortages resulting from the overtime ban.

Liver patient speaks

Mrs Aisling Barnett, aged 35, of Hackney, east London, who received a new liver after her husband made an emotional plea on television for a donor, yesterday sat up and spoke for the first time since her 11-hour operation at King's College Hospital, central London: she said she looking forward to going home. Mrs Barnett, whose daughter Hannah was born six weeks ago, suffered complete liver failure after reacting to a prescribed drug taken for blood pressure problems.

Barristers face up to bare-headed robbery

Wig-snatching within the nation's halls of justice is giving barristers a new problem to deal with — bare heads.

The epidemic of disappearing hairpieces is particularly bad at the Central Criminal Court in London, where notes asking desperately after the whereabouts of certain horsehair pieces are pinned to the wall of the men's robing room.

Mr Christopher Sallon, who has chambers in London and Lewes, Sussex, said that he has had his wig stolen twice. Now he borrows them rather than run up the cost of buying new ones at £225 each.

Asked who might be responsible, he replied; "Other barristers, of course. Then again, the resale value is exceptionally high. Theatrical costumiers pay up to £200 for wigs; if you can get your hands on one there is a ready market."

The barristers are determined to stamp out this unusual crime. Mr Sallon said; "We have to guard against it if we want to avoid a good wigging from the judge. I can say from experience that wearing a borrowed wig is most uncomfortable." Barristers are required to wear wigs at all times in the courtroom and rather than enter bare-headed some have to borrow a spare from colleagues.

Nor are women barristers immune. "It is very unwise to leave your wig unattended in the robing room. More and more lockers now have padlocks. It is a sad sign of the times," said one at the Central Criminal Court.

According to Mr Christopher van Hagen, a London barrister, the problem is increasing at the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand as well as at crown courts.

Court officials, however, blame barristers themselves for failing to lock away their wigs or leaving them lying around on shelves.

Mr William Keen, managing director of Ede and Ravenscroft, which supplies up to 800 wigs a year, said: "I'm sure the people involved don't realise what they have taken. The wig might be in its box or in a robe-bag and that gets taken.

"I should think when the thief looks inside, it is a bit of a disappointment."

Acid house craze

Hurd plans action on 'pay' parties as police fears grow

By Quentin Cowdry, David Sapsted and Stephen Warr

Organizers of "acid house" parties might be forced to give police advance warning of their plans as part of a tougher-than-expected government crackdown on the craze which has swept Britain over the past year.

Announcing that a package of measures was being drawn up, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, disclosed that ministers were considering extending the Public Order Act, giving police the same powers to ban mass parties and insist on prior warning as they have over marches and demonstrations.

The statement came as details emerged of a huge police operation to thwart up to a dozen parties taking place in the South-east this weekend.

Mr Hurd also indicated that it is now very likely that the Government will propose legislation giving courts the right to order organizers to forfeit profits from acid house parties, some of which have attracted 10,000 young people — netting profits of up to £100,000.

The Government and police could not tolerate parties being used as the "occasion for violent crime or as a cloak for the supply and consumption of illegal drugs", he said.

The Government needed to be careful before strengthening police powers or imposing new limits on personal freedom but it believed action was needed to protect citizens.

The package, which would be finalized with the Department of the Environment within the next few weeks, could also include stiffer penalties for organizers of unlicensed parties, or gatherings which breached license conditions, and tougher laws govering noise pollution.

However, moves to take the profit out of acid house parties — the vast bulk of which are unlicensed — would be the "surest deterrent" to those who "were out to make money by defying the law", he said.

Disclosing the Government's plans in a speech to Conservatives at Kings Lynn, Norfolk, he said police had had to stop 130 acid house or "pay" parties in London alone this year.

> **We have to protect the public against these parties**

It is understood environment ministers in moving their "Green Bill" this autumn will propose that noise pollution should be made a criminal offence for the first time. Maximum fines are currently £2,000.

The National Council for Civil Liberties said it feared that the Government's alarm about acid house parties, which have recently led to police being injured in clashes with "security guards" employed by organizers, would prompt it to making further unacceptable inroads on rights of assembly and movement.

A spokesman said: "We have already seen the police exceeding their powers this summer in trying to stop parties by road blocks and forcing entry. Acid house parties must not be seen as illegal *per se*." Information on this weekend's parties, being gathered by a Scotland Yard intelligence unit, is being passed to the Kent, Surrey and Thames Valley forces, all of which will be ready to send reinforcements to other counties.

All three forces will have extra officers on duty to prevent any repetition of last week's clashes at a party near Reigate, Surrey, which resulted in police being forced to retreat in the face of superior numbers and Rotweiller dogs. Sixteen officers were injured.

Intelligence gathered by Kent police indicate that five or six large parties are planned for the South-east, though only two are considered "viable". However, Surrey police think about 12 parties are planned.

"The problem is that we will not know the venues until probably early Saturday evening. The whole object of the operation will be to prevent them getting off the ground," a senior Kent officer said.

Thames Valley police said they believed they had already foiled plans for one party in Reading and said reserves would be available tonight "in far greater numbers than normal".

Supt David Clark said: "All this is being done at considerable extra cost to the community but we have to protect the public."

The criminal as cool as a cucumber



Ernest Coveley, captured on security cameras, holding up a building society in Hackney, east London, with his cucumber.

By Robin Young

Ernest Coveley was a criminal of unusually cool calibre. He carried out 14 raids, escaping with more than £9,000, armed only with a cucumber, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The offensive vegetable, disguised as a sawn-off shotgun, was used by the bandit to terrify female cashiers into handing over cash.

Coveley would point the cucumber, covered with a plastic bin liner, at the cashier and scream: "Give me the money or I'll blow your head off." Mr Peter Feinberg, for the defence, told Mr Justice Jowitt: "Your Lordship may not have heard before of a man choosing a cucumber to commit this type of offence.

"It is a very strange choice. It is not the choice of a man who is perhaps more professionally geared for robbery."

The judge said: "When you are on the receiving end you don't stop to ask whether you can see the gun to examine it. The deception was very successful."

Mr Coveley, aged 36, carried out a two-month robbery campaign before he was ambushed by armed police at his flat in Temple Dwellings, Temple Street, Bow, east London, when he attempted to resist arrest wielding his cucumber. Yesterday he admitted eight charges of robbery, and asked for a further two robbery charges and six attempted robbery charges to be taken into consideration.

The prosecution alleged he undertook the raids to finance his drug addiction.

Mr Coveley, who never used the same cucumber twice, pleaded not guilty to 16 firearms charges on the grounds that cucumbers could not be classed as imitation guns. His plea was accepted.

The judge remanded him in custody for social inquiry and psychiatric reports.

Inquiry call into high PCB levels in duck eggs

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

People living near a toxic waste disposal plant in Pontypool, Gwent, are calling for a public inquiry after tests confirmed "higher than desirable" levels of highly toxic PCB chemicals in duck eggs.

"Those with homes in the area are worried. We do not know whether there is real danger or not," Mr Manu Mehta, chief executive of Torfaen Borough Council, said.

The council had earlier found levels of up to 600 parts per billion of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in eggs laid by ducks kept by a family in the village of New Inn, near Pontypool. Tests conducted on the eggs by the Welsh Office this week broadly confirmed the council's finding. Government scientists have been asked to measure the PCB content of samples of hen's eggs, milk, vegetables, grass, soil and stream water within a five-mile radius of the plant.

The Welsh Office said it did not appear there was any general danger, nor was there any proven link between the PCBs and the plant, owned by Rechem.

Rechem said yesterday that PCBs were "ubiquitous" in the environment and that it was common to get readings of PCB levels far in excess of those found in the duck eggs. It said research by scientists at the University of Wales found PCB contamination in the eggs of Welsh river birds averaging 18 parts per million — 30 times higher than found in the duck eggs.

Mr Ken Caldicott, a research chemist, and his wife, who kept the ducks as pets, selling eggs to neighbours, said: "We live only 100 yards from the plant. In July of last year my children were engulfed in a yellowish cloud emanating from the plant while they were in the garden. We had samples of grass analysed and these revealed higher levels of PCBs than in previous tests.

"Some months ago the local authority warned us not to eat our garden produce.

● The death of two pet dogs from cancer was one of the factors which convinced a family they had to leave their home near the Sellafield nuclear processing plant, Cumbria, a High Court judge was told today.

Mrs Christine Merlin also told Mr Justice Gatehouse that goslings had hatched with abnormalities such as "heads on the wrong way round and wings in peculiar positions".

Mrs Merlin and her husband, Christopher, claim that radioactive contamination was behind their decision to sell the house, Mountain Ash, Ravenglass, six miles from Sellafield, which fetched £35,000 — little more than it had cost 11 years earlier.

The couple are suing British Nuclear Fuels Ltd for about £150,000 compensation.

BNFL is contesting the case. It said the levels of radioactivity were harmless.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is to pay two brief visits to America next month, Downing Street confirmed last night (John Winder writes). On November 8, the Prime Minister will call on the UN General Assembly for international action to protect the environment. It will be her first visit to the UN for four years. On November 24, she will fly to Camp David for informal talks with President Bush, who addressed the assembly recently. They will discuss developments in East-West relations and strategic arms talks.

Aldington 'knew of communist terror'

By David Nicholson-Lord

A Conservative peer acknowledged yesterday that he knew thousands of prisoners handed over by the British and subsequently massacred by the communists at the end of the Second World War had "very good reasons" for terror in communist hands.

Lord Aldington, a former minister and deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, agreed under cross-examination in the High Court that he was aware how badly Marshal Tito's force would behave towards 35,000 surrendered pro-German Croatian troops but he did not think that would extend to the Titoists massacring them.

He agreed that he would have read a report by General Sir Horatius Murray, a commander with the British Eighth Army, that another group of Yugoslavs, the Chetniks, feared "mass executions" if they were handed over to Tito. The Croatians, who had fought alongside the Germans against the partisans, had caused almost as much terror as they suffered, he added. Lord Aldington is seeking damages for libel from Count Nikolai Tolstoy, the historian, and Mr Nigel Watts, a property developer. They allege that as a brigadier with British Army V Corps in southern Austria in May 1945, he committed a war crime knowingly handing over up to 70,000 Cossack and Yugoslav prisoners to torture and death at the hands of the Red Army and Marshal Tito.

"You are just taking me as one person in this long chain and applying to me a special power of intervention and I am telling you that is wrong."

He told Mr Richard Rampton, QC, for Count Tolstoy, that he regarded the treatment of the prisoners as a political decision for the War Office and higher command and "brigadiers do not make political decisions".

Lord Aldington later apologized after a clash with Mr Rampton, whom he accused of offensiveness and not understanding the Queen's English.

The hearing continues.

Summary justice in Northern Ireland

Large increase in 'punishment' shootings

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Predictions by the Royal Ulster Constabulary of a huge increase in so-called "punishment shootings" in Belfast are proving true with figures on target to more than double last year's total.

Overnight yesterday three men aged between 17 and 25 were subjected to summary justice, in each case apparently carried out by the Provisional IRA although no admission of responsibility had been made.

According to police figures the injuries to the men from gunshot wounds to the legs now bring to at least 122 the number of people "punished" in this way.

Of that total 71 have been carried out by the Provisionals and 51 by "loyalist" paramilitary groups. This year's total compares with 66 shootings for the whole of last year.

In the first of two separate incidents, police said two Catholic men aged 24 and 25 were admitted to hospital late on Thursday, each with a gunshot wound to the knee after being found in an alleyway off Upper Stanfield Street in a Catholic part of central Belfast.

Early yesterday morning a Catholic, aged 17, was asleep in bed in the Poleglass Estate in West Belfast when, according to police, a number of men entered the house and dragged him out into the front garden. He was then shot in both knees and both ankles. His condition at the Royal Victoria Hospital prior to surgery was described as "stable".

The latest shootings come after reports last month that the IRA in Belfast has set up a special unit to interrogate teenage boys in nationalist areas of the city to try to combat petty crime and the recruitment of low-level informers by the security forces or loyalist terrorist organizations.

The unit is believed to be made up of members of the IRA's "administrative" section, which was created at the beginning of this year to take charge of "policing" matters.

According a recent report in the *Sunday Tribune* newspaper, it consists of between 15 and 20 members drawn from different nationalist areas of the city to enable its members to operate in districts where they will not be identified locally.

Those who have come into contact with the squad say its methods are violent in the extreme, with youths often being tied up, blindfolded and beaten with sticks, while being threatened with a loaded pistol.

If found "guilty", victims face "sentences" which range from at best the ritual humiliation of a public confession, sometimes at press conferences arranged by Sinn Fein: forced expulsion from Northern Ireland; or, at worst, punishment by so-called knee-cappings, most of which in fact involve wounds to the thigh or the calf.

One theory about the rise in shootings by the IRA is that it was prompted by the elections this summer — local elections in Northern Ireland were followed by European elections and a general election in the Republic. Some observers believe the IRA stepped up its policing activity in a bid to demonstrate its fitness to govern nationalist areas.

The loyalist total is also very high this year — itself almost equal to the total for both sides last year. Methods vary and have included grotesque varieties on the knee-capping theme with instances of victims having their knees pierced by Black & Decker drills.

Loyalist punishments are often also responses to so-called anti-social behaviour, including house-breaking, petty theft, rowdiness or theft from paramilitary groups by individual members.

The increase this year may also reflect moves by the Ulster Defence Association to reassert control over its members after splintering within its organization.

Ulster Tories try to build support

Northern Ireland Conservative associations, seeking official recognition by the mainland Conservative Party, are sending more than 20 representatives to next week's party conference in Blackpool, even though just a handful will be allowed to attend (John Winder writes). They will be holding a fringe meeting on Monday evening, before the conference opens, in order to rally support for their cause, covered by 60 motions. They hope to build support for the debate on party organization in Northern Ireland on Tuesday.

Dr Laurence Kennedy, chairman of the newly formed Northern Ireland Area Council, said the party had been attracting voters who had not played an active part in politics before, including Roman Catholics who felt passionately loyal to the Crown.

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Life sentence for rape

Judge condemns his peers' indulgence

Judge Sir James Miskin QC, the Recorder of London, strongly criticized other judges' "indulgent sentences" yesterday, while jailing the sex attacker known as the "Street Stalker". He said they had repeatedly allowed the man out of prison to prey on other women.

John McKenzie, aged 30, was given a life sentence yesterday for rape and another 10 years' jail for other attacks on women. Many other women are believed by police to have been sexually assaulted by McKenzie but are thought to have been too frightened to report the incidents.

McKenzie, who has a record of sexual attacks going back to 1977, used to wait in London Underground stations at night for women walking alone. He would follow them and then grab them from behind.

Sir James told him: "Looking at the totality of your disgusting behaviour in the past and your behaviour on these occasions, it is plain as a pikestaff that you are a terrible menace to women. They deserve protection from the sort of disgusting behaviour you indulged in."

He said the sentence would ensure that "you will never be released until it has became certain, if ever it does, that you have matured and become safe."

He lashed out at fellow judges who, in the past, had passed what he called "indulgent" sentences that had allowed McKenzie to return too quickly to roam the streets looking for defenceless female victims.

McKenzie, of no fixed address, was arrested after severely beating a prostitute in the King's Cross area of London, whom he had refused to pay after having sex with her. She escaped after he fell asleep and police found him still snoring on the grass.

The woman he raped and his two sexual assault victims in the current case were said by Miss Joanne Korner, prosecuting to be "perfectly respectable" women in their twenties.

The rape was on an Italian waitress, who was walking home from work at midnight on August 31 last year.

He followed her along Upper Street, Islington, north London, then grabbed her from behind. He dragged her on to waste land nearby and threatened to kill her if she screamed. Miss Korner said that the woman was stripped and raped.

When McKenzie released his grip on her momentarily, she managed to escape. She returned home naked as a passing car ignored her attempt to get help.

Within three weeks McKenzie sexually assaulted a secretary in Wimbledon. Soon afterwards he assaulted an office worker.

PORTFOLIO BOND

There were no valid claims yesterday for the £2,000 Portfolio Bond prize. Mrs Irene M Morse, of Ashford, Kent, redeemed her bond for £100.

Shops fear interest rates will stifle sales

By Jamie Dettmer

High Street shops and chain-stores already suffering from a summer of high interest rates are bracing themselves for a sharp fall in sales in the wake of this week's further one per cent increase in the base lending rate.

Retailers of household and electrical goods yesterday expressed grave concern about business prospects in the normally profitable weeks leading up to Christmas.

"If mortgage rates go up...that will siphon off a lot of money that would have been spent in the shops," Mr Richard Weir, director of the Retail Consortium Group, said. "There is going to be a serious impact on the volume of retail sales."

Large High Street stores also expressed concern about interest rates. Mr Richard Dixon of Storehouse plc, which owns Mothercare, Habitat and Blazer, said: "We have already felt the pinch on the household goods side."

Mr Peter Harrop, a director of the electrical retailers Rumbelows, said the interest rise was "yet another turn of the screw. It will make a difficult situation worse."

He said that Rumbelows was facing a downturn in revenue at the same time as it was having to cope with the increased cost of borrowing and increased wage demands from its workforce.

He said that a lot of desirable rather than essential electrical goods were manufactured or assembled in Britain and that this sector would suffer.

Some financial analysts were yesterday forecasting massive retrenchment by some firms and lay-offs in the retail sector, which has experienced a flat volume of trade for the past three months. Estate agents also issued a warning yesterday over the consequences of the rise in the base lending rate.

Mr Michael Stoop, managing director of Winkworths, said it would "knock the stuffing out of an already very depressed housing market". He predicted there would be a wave of remortgaging in the south of England, with homeowners searching around for better terms.

"It is another frightener and will deter people from spending on capital items," a sales manager at Lindsay Baines, the Ford car dealer, said. "It is knocking the confidence of not only private individuals but also of companies and could well affect fleet car sales."

At the end of the retail chain, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, issued a warning about the increasing problems of personal debt, particularly in the Home Counties.

"The previous rise in interest rates brought in its wake a grave increase in the number of people experiencing severe debt problems," Mr Peter Hildrew, assistant director of the association, said. He did not think there would be a sudden rush of repossessions of houses from defaulting mortgage-payers because it would take time for the interest rise to work its way through. "But it will quickly fuel other credit problems."

● House repossessions have doubled in Reading this year with one bailiff alone seizing up to four homes a day. The huge increase in repossession warrants issued by building societies in Berkshire was revealed by Mr Edward Stagg, the chief bailiff of Reading County Court.

LABOUR/BRIGHTON

Union leaders back abolition of block votes

A massive use of the trade unions' block vote allowed Labour delegates yesterday to defeat a resolution calling for its retention at party conferences.

The composite motion, opposed by the national executive, went down by 5,405,000 votes to 509,000 after a lively debate on reform of the conference and of policy-making.

The debate, in the closing session of this year's conference, saw members from constituency parties appealing in vain for retention of the block vote and union leaders calling for its abolition.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said the conference had to sound the death knell of the block vote.

He was moving a motion calling on the party to reform its policy-making process and expand one member, one vote to

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the constituency section of the NEC and all main policy issues. In that context the conference voting system should be changed to reflect more closely the relative contributions of constituences and individual members.

That was supported by the NEC and later passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.

Brandishing his book of voting tickets, Mr Edmonds devoted most of his speech to an attack on the block vote and on policy-making "Labour-Party style — so democratic in concept but so very defective in practice".

The system gave too much power to the trade unions, too little responsibility to constituency parties and very often no say at all to individual party members.

The party should take longer to make policy, do more research, consult more widely and change policy less often. A new NEC should be created representing the whole of the party, with a quota for women (applause). It should set up commissions to draw up policy statements based on the widest possible consultation and subject to amendment by conference.

GMB members were baffled by the block vote. They could not accept that he cast votes on their behalf without consulting them. "I agree with them. We should not try to camouflage the block vote. We should not try to paint a smile on the face of the monster.

"This conference must sound the death knell of the block vote (applause). Let us say it clearly — the block vote must go. The trade unions should retain influence but we must surrender control. Trade unions should step aside."

More members had to be recruited and given a new responsibility. Wherever possible Labour should make its decisions by one member, one vote.

Ms Anne Davis, National Union of Labour and Socialist Clubs, seconding the motion, said rank-and-file members were entitled to more than consultation. They should play a full part in decision-making.

Mr Gary Freeman, Nottingham North, moved the motion rejecting abolition of the block vote as diluting the relationship between the party and the unions and moving them apart.

There were cheers as he attacked "those who wish to distance themselves from the trade unions and had not allowed the unions real and proper prominence in the 1987 general election".

Mr Robert Brown, Harlow, seconding the motion, described the GMB's motion as a fundamental attack on socialism in the party that signalled the end of conference as it was today. "It means demoting conference."

Mr Tim Peacock, Broxtowe, urged delegates not to be taken in by Mr Edmonds, whose words were a "tissue of nonsense". In reality, the motion was all about taking away any power from party members.

He predicted a charade of consultation under the control of Walworth Road, the party headquarters. "They say amendments will be allowed. Who will believe that? They said that last year. Where were the amendments this year?"

Did they want a system where anybody who paid out "a couple of quid" could have a say while sitting at home without hearing the arguments — except from the BBC and *The Sun*?

The GMB wanted to close down the party as delegates knew it and sweetened the pill by talking of reforming the block vote.



Mr Neil Kinnock and his wife Glenys yesterday with Mr Dennis Skinner, party chairman, and Piers Beaton, six months.

Mr Alan Tuffin, Union of Communication Workers, was hissed when he asked delegates to support the GMB motion.

Criticizing "hotch-potch" procedures, he said: "We can no longer defend the present system. It does not mean an end to everything we do at the present moment."

They must look at the system, keep the good parts and see if they could have better and wider consultation.

His was a small union but he felt awkward putting a card with 197 on it into a box, wiping out the views of 197 constituency Labour parties.

Mr Graham Till, Derby North, saw more raw sewage in the GMB motion than in the North Sea. He scorned it as being written by some yuppie political officer who had probably written the speech as well — all clever stuff.

It was a curate's egg and the bad part stank of undemocratic intrigue. If passed, it would enable delegates to "prostitute ourselves a little bit more".

Since Sunday's vote to block amendments to the policy review, the conference had become one long photo-opportunity. "TV rules, okay," he said. All that was left was a PR exercise.

Mr Richard Sumner, Stratford, said that if the GMB motion went through they would not need to have elections for delegates in the constituencies next year but beauty contests.

The ultimate comment on the conference this week was a great big removal van outside the hall. Written on the side was: "Theatrical removals." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr Larry Whitty, general secretary, replying for the national executive committee, described present conference procedures as unsatisfactory, unclear, archaic and in need of change.

A wide-ranging consultation had been started with a document, written by him, pointing out that their procedure did not allow involvement of the ordinary party member.

That was out of line with their sister socialist parties and with the growing democracy in the trade union movement. Those who stayed at home, who did not necessarily go to meetings, had a right to have a say.

The problem at the moment was that those who went to meetings did not have a say either because they did not know what was before the conference until the Saturday evening before. That was not a sensible way of making policy.

There was inexorable pressure within the party for change. This was not just an argument about the place of the block vote. "It is an argument about how we involve all wings of the party in our policy-making process."

He dismissed suggestions that they were moving away from being a trade union-based party. "We must continue to remain trade union-based. But the way they are represented cannot simply be by the institutionalized means of casting a block vote once a year."

The GMB motion "does not lay down where we should go. It sets out a number of options which we should consider".

He looked forward next year to a blueprint for the 1990s, involving all party members.

A third resolution, calling for the block vote to be abolished and each conference delegate to be given a single vote, was opposed by the NEC and later overwhelmingly defeated on a show of hands.

Security 'priority' at MoD centres

An emergency resolution condemning privatization of security at Ministry of Defence establishments in the light of the Deal bombing, was passed unanimously.

It called on the Government to abandon the pursuit of what was cheapest, in favour of putting security and quality first.

Mr Ross Burns, Transport and General Workers' Union, moving it, said that Deal tragedy showed that all military bases were on the target list. The Government had allowed its obsession with penny-pinching to weaken security fatally.

There should be an urgent review of the policy. There should be no more contracting-out. The review should cover contracting-out of support services, such as catering and cleaning, and it should not be carried out by closed minds behind closed doors.

Mr Douglas Hoyle, MP for Warrington North, said the Government's penny-pinching policies were causing loss of life.

It was another example of profit before people.

"No more lives must be lost. When Labour comes to power we must ensure that all military establishments are guarded by military personnel."

Mr David Warburton, GMB general union, said privatization had opened the door to terrorism. Privatization at defence establishments was scandalous. The Tories would not end it, Labour must.

Mr Martin O'Neill, shadow Secretary of State for Defence, said the Armed Forces should not be placed in danger because the Tories said that they did not have enough funds.

Labour would not approach security with a view to saving money.

Mr Dennis Skinner, chairing the debate, said the national executive committee accepted the resolution.

Pigeons expel the Militant 'cat in the loft'

The decision of the national executive committee to expel Militant and other party members for unacceptable political activities came in for bitter criticism yesterday from party activists.

A spokesman for the NEC said that to keep such members was like running a pigeon club and putting a cat in the loft. An attempt to refer back the section of the NEC report on party discipline failed by 5,067,000 to 273,000. Most expulsions were for links with Militant, although some members of Southwark Council had been suspended after forming an independent Labour group.

Mr Hugh Kirkbride, Bristol East, said the expulsions proved there was a witch-hunt in the party.

Ms Susan Harrison, Norwood, questioned the cost of the expulsions. "How can you have a membership drive when in Glasgow Pollock, nearly 100 members were refused the right to join because they had been recruited at an anti-poll tax meeting?"

Mr Michael Miller, Glasgow Pollock, said he did not support members of another party being allowed to infiltrate (applause).

Mr Ron Waugh, St Helens, protested that expulsions lasted for five years. "You don't get five years for manslaughter."

Mr Ken Cure, chairman of the NEC dispute's committee, said it was not pleasant to deal with discipline. But "you don't run a pigeon club and put a cat in the loft. We cannot afford a cat in the loft which engages in manslaughter every day."

Party committed to legal equality for gays

Delegates defied the national executive and voted by a majority of more than one million in favour of a commitment to legal equality for homosexuals and lesbians and an equal age of consent of 16 years.

The resolution, debated on Thursday, criticized the exclusion from the policy review of earlier conference commitments to full equality for homosexuals. It instructed the national executive committee to reinstate it and to commit the party to the repeal of all discriminatory laws.

Voting was 3,702,000 in favour to 2,317,000 against.

The NEC, however, got its way on three other card votes taken on Thursday, the results of which were announced yesterday:

- A motion calling for a Bill of Rights and instructing the NEC to prepare a draft for the 1990 Labour Conference was rejected by 4,650,000 votes to 1,358,000.
- A motion calling for the reform of official secrets legislation and the introduction of a freedom of information Act; for the security services to be brought under democratic control; abolition of the Prime Minister's powers of patronage; abolition of the House of Lords and reform of the Commons; state funding for political parties; and positive employment rights, including the right to join a trade union, was rejected by 4,481,000 votes to 1,287,000.
- A resolution on Northern Ireland calling for a commitment to withdraw troops and British rule within the first term of the next Labour government was rejected by 5,308,000 votes to 600,000.

'Consumer' review asks the public want they want from officers

Police order biggest reassessment since 1964

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

Britain's police are carrying out a national consumer survey to find out what the public wants from its police and what they get.

The survey, discussed at a national conference of the Association of Chief Police Officers yesterday, is part of a wide-ranging investigation into the state of the police service and direction in the next decade.

The investigation, organized by the staff associations representing all ranks of the police, is seen as the most important assessment of policing since the Royal Commission in 1964. Its conclusions are expected to be announced in the new year. As well as talking to the public, the investigation includes detailed questionnaires to 2,000 officers on their perceptions of policing, police morale and how well they think the police are doing their job.

In a third leg of the investigation local consultative committees are being asked what they feel about the police service.

The investigation is also examining what has happened to the traditional role of the policeman on the beat over the past 15 years and whether the basic police service has been eroded. The survey of public attitudes is being produced by Harris and results will be analysed later this month. More than 1,000 members of the public have been asked to respond to a questionnaire with 30 sections. Those include asking the public to make choices and state priorities about police tasks, to see if what the public want is the same as the police think they want.



Mr Owen: What should five officers with eight jobs do?

Mr David Owen, Chief Constable of North Wales and a leader of the association, said: "The questions for example might ask that if you have five policemen and eight tasks how would you place those tasks in order of priority. We might choose robbery or burglaries and people may be talking about litter or dog fouling."

Mr Peter Wright, chief constable of South Yorkshire and the outgoing president of the association, said the work would create "a contemporary picture of policing in this country".

The investigation, funded with £30,000 from the Police Federation and the Police Superintendents Association, will look at development over the next five years which might affect policing.

Mr Wright said: "Effectiveness and economy have been pursued but we wonder about the delivery of service."

Public surveys have been carried out privately in recent years by individual forces including the Metropolitan Police. The surveys have shown that the public have become more concerned about problems such as litter.

Solitude is up for sale - at £30,000

By Kerry Gill

For sale: three cottages with unsurpassed views across the Firth of Clyde, own jetty and helipad, private water supply, ideal rural retreat. Price: offers over £30,000.

The cottages, only 10 miles from the fishing port of Girvan and 24 miles from Ayr, sound like a country lover's dream. However, they stand on one of the loneliest island outcrops in the British Isles, Ailsa Craig.

All three cottages, which form a single terrace, are used by the only permanent residents of the island, its three lighthouse keepers. They will become vacant next year when the lighthouse is switched to automatic operation.

The "C" category listed buildings stand within four acres of ground and the sale includes several outbuildings. There is no electricity supply. The nearby light is gas operated and the lighthouse men will take the diesel generator with them when they leave.

Mr Simon Brown of Knight, Frank and Rutley, the estate agents handling the sale, said: "They have only just gone on the market, but we have already had a lot of interest."

The purchaser will have to be a good seaman or hold a helicopter licence. Ailsa Crag is a five-minute flight from the mainland, but a dangerous 10-mile sea journey across the wind-torn Firth of Clyde.

Food poisoning alert

A restaurant closed yesterday after 12 people were taken ill with salmonella poisoning. One woman is being treated in hospital. Ten of the victims work for the Northern Ireland housing executive. The outbreak was traced to a restaurant beside the executive's offices in Shipquay Street, Londonderry.

Mr Philip Doherty, the city's chief environmental health officer, said: "The restaurant has co-operated fully and has agreed to close voluntarily pending investigations."

£7.5m project

Five more breast screening centres and nine mobile screening units are to be established in Scotland by 1991 at a cost of £7.5 million.

School polls

Scotland's first school board elections have led to 71 boards being formed in Dumfries and Galloway. Sixty schools had an insufficient response and new elections will be held.

Short measure

Only one out of 208 pints served in 104 pubs, clubs and restaurants in Birmingham came up to a full measure, trading standards officers disclosed yesterday.

£28,000 fiddle

Terence Jago fiddled £28,000 of electricity over 14 years at his house and his wife's hairdressers' at Brixham, Devon. Yesterday he was given a 12-month suspended jail sentence and fined £2,000. He has paid £20,000 compensation.

Badger dig

A team of badger diggers were fined a total of £4,000 yesterday after being caught in a wood near Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire, last October.

Firms fined

Two building firms were each fined £2,000 yesterday after an up-ended half-tonne sewer pipe fell and killed a girl aged nine who was playing on a site at Hounslow, west London.

Test case

A decision is expected next week on a test case in which a divorced woman from Essex is arguing that the Department of Social Security should pay child-minding fees so she can continue her part-time job.

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Mr Frank Reynolds, head of Birmingham council environmental health department, and Mr Keith Hunter, his deputy, were suspended yesterday pending an inquiry into consultancy firms they set up.

$16bn budget

The United Kingdom, with a $16 billion budget in 1987, was the world's fourth-biggest spender on research and development.

Geese fly in

More than 8,000 Barnacle Geese have arrived from the Arctic, to winter at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust centre at Caerlaverock on the Solway Firth.

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Natural History Museum

Centre opts for 'living image'

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

The Natural History Museum has been told that it is "withdrawn and demoralized" by management consultants after a study into how the museum is seen both by the public and by its staff.

It has to move from being a "dead zoo" to a "living world", from "mutual suspicion" between departments to "mutual respect".

As a result of the research by Wolff Olins, the consultants, a new corporate identity is to be launched next month giving the museum a new logo and a "new" title.

In an operation expected to cost £100,000, the new logo, based on the ancient mark of the Tree of Life, is to appear on all publicity, signage, notepaper and posters, Mr Chris Metcalfe, the museum's marketing and communications manager, said.

"They told us we have got to think differently about ourselves, that we must move from what we own to what we know, from being possessive about objects to being based on an intellectual property which we share.

"From 67 million specimens in a cathedral we must move to being a unique mix of experts in a centre of excellence working together to provide a public service, which is a major cultural change."

The survey, which included hundreds of interviews with staff and visitors, disclosed that there was no "mission statement" summarizing "what we're all about".

The official title of British Museum (Natural History) is to be abandoned in favour of its popular name, the Natural History Museum. The new logo is being kept under wraps until November 14.

A switch in exhibition philosophy has also been ordered by Dr Neil Chalmers, the director, so that environmental issues can be tackled. A permanent ecology exhibition is to be established, opening in a year.

On Tuesday, the Natural History Museum is to launch a development appeal for £5 million from sponsorship and donations.

British Library

Gamma rays rescue books

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

The British Library has successfully completed trials of a restoration process to rejuvenate books that have become dangerously damaged by age.

A mass preservation technique uses chemicals and gamma rays to "glue back together" aged paper fibres.

Its effect on brittle paper has been likened by restorers to putting a raw egg on very dry white bread.

Backers are expected to be sought soon to build a full-scale plant that could allow book preservation at only £5 a time.

The technique, known as "graft polymerization", is a six-step process which, it is claimed, can boost book survival rates by up to 200 years. The British Library has two million books at risk, dating back to the 1850s.

Before then pages were made from linen rags that produced long and durable fibres. Since the Industrial Revolution, however, demand for reading materials soared and publishers turned to wood pulp as a way of manufacturing pages.

Those books, made from chopped and uneven fibres, are most at risk. They have turned brown and so brittle that many are now untouchable.

Other techniques are less attractive as they use chemicals such as ethylene oxide and chlorofluorocarbons which can harm the health of users or are environmentally damaging. Microfilming costs about £45 a folio and, although it preserves the text, it does not allow regular handling of the original works.

Research is both Europe and the United States has led to the development of a mass process known as "de-acidification", but the British team believes its process is superior.

It not only halts the advance of acid substances through the paper, which cause wood pulp fibres to fall apart, but restores vital strength to the book's leaves.

The new process has been developed over five years with chemists at the University of Surrey.

SNP launches votes drive with attack on Labour's 'feeble 49'

By Kerry Gill

The Scottish National Party launched its autumn campaign yesterday, aimed at increasing membership and providing a springboard for the regional council elections next May and for the general election.

Mr Alex Salmond, the party's deputy leader, concentrated on the nationalists' economic offensive, which will try to persuade Scots that they would be better off as part of an independent nation within the European Community.

While the SNP claims to have growing electoral support for its main strategic policy, it still has to demonstrate it could provide Scotland with an economy superior to that offered by a Westminster-based government.

Mr Salmond said: "We have the imaginative and detailed policies to create a Scotland of full employment, social justice and sound prosperity in contrast to the economic misery which awaits us as a region of England."

He said that with independence within the European Monetary System, SNP proposals could cut 5 per cent off the basic rate of interest. That, he claimed, would mean a saving of £200 million a year for Scottish firms, a £50 million saving for farmers, £7 million for fishermen and a reduction of about £112 a month for the average mortgage payer. "Michael Forsyth [chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party] had the cheek this week to suggest that talk of independence in Europe might scare off investors to independent Ireland.

"The truth is, it is the madcap policies of Forsyth and his loony right friends which are crippling our economy and only through independence in Europe will Scots have the power to rebuild our nation."

Any proposal by the Government to take away passports belonging to football hooligans would be both "monstrous" and "outrageous", the Church of Scotland's official publication, *Life and Work*, says (Kerry Gill writes). A passport is a right, not a privilege that can be withdrawn by the Government, it says, with the rider that editorials are not necessarily the official view of the church.

The nationalists also intend to concentrate their attacks on the Labour Party — a similar tactic to that of the Tories. Both the Tories and the SNP want to show that they are the true alternative to Labour.

Latest opinion polls show them to be running neck and neck for second place. Recently the Tories have edged the SNP into third position, but by only a few points. Mr Michael Russell, in charge of publicity for the nationalists, admitted they had to prove that they were the only alternative to Labour.

He pointed to Labour's recent failures in spite of having 49 MPs in Scotland. "Labour promised to defeat the poll tax. Instead, they actively collaborate in trying to impose it. Labour vowed to get rid of nuclear weapons. Instead, like the Tories, they want to dump Trident on the Clyde.

"Labour also promised to fight Thatcher, but not only have the 'feeble 49' failed abysmally to do so, they even collude with the Tories to try to thwart SNP assaults on *Thatcher's right to ruin Scotland*," Mr Russell said.

The nationalist hierarchy will discuss electoral strategy at a pre-election summit this weekend in Stirlingshire.

Mr Gordon Wilson, the party leader who is in charge of election strategy, said: "Our view is that the Tories have only 10 seats in Scotland, and we believe that at least four of them — Galloway, Perth and Kinross, Tayside North and Kincardine, and Deeside — are seats we can win."

The SNP also criticizes Labour's wish for a Scottish assembly. It says that devolution could never give Scots power over essential areas such as industrial and economic policy.

Tides of change sweep fishing tradition away

JAMES MORGAN





Mr Norman Knapp, standing at the thin end of his putchers after emptying them of salmon.

A century-old fishing tradition in the water flowing beneath the Severn Bridge is likely to die out as the old fishermen retire. In a method unique to the river, rows of iron, stainless steel and cane baskets called putchers are used to catch North Atlantic salmon, mullet, bass and the occasional dab. Mr Norman Knapp at ranks of putchers (above) bought his 640 baskets more than 30 years ago. The tide has the second highest range in the world, often rising 45ft twice each day, and once in a freak tide combined with a westerley gale, reaching 47½ft. It covers the baskets and the strong current forces fish into them nose first. Mr Knapp goes to work as the water rises and he returns, often in the middle of the night, when the tide is out to collect the fish as they flap high and dry. A river pilot, Mr George Woollard, said: "There are only four such fishermen left between Beachley [the bridge] and Avonmouth, but the Vale people call the baskets 'kypes' and the Foresters of Dean on the north-west side have another name I think." He explained that the tradition was ending because some families "get rid of their holdings". It was also falling out of favour because "salmon don't run like they used to, what with all the pollution in the sea". Lower catches have discouraged another tradition, where men once stood thigh-high in the fast water and extended a Y-shaped net called a lathe, also used to catch salmon.

Spycatcher affair

Papers win right to sue over ban

By Peter Guilford in Brussels and Michael Evans

The Government lost another round yesterday in the "endless circuit" of legal battles between three British newspapers and the Attorney General over the *Spycatcher* affair.

A decree by 23 legal experts from the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg paved the way for further court dramas over temporary injunctions served on *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, preventing them from publishing material from the book by Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer.

The commission gave the three newspapers the right to pursue their case against the Government over its attempts to stop them giving coverage



Peter Wright: His memoirs are at centre of legal battles.

of *Spycatcher* in 1986 and 1987.

The newspapers complained to the commission that the Government had broken freedom of expression guarantees under article 10 of the Human Rights Convention.

In their submission to the Strasbourg lawyers, they argued that after the widespread publication of *Spycatcher* in the world and its "uncontrolled" import to Britain by private individuals, restraints on newspaper articles were unreasonable.

The Guardian and *The Observer* were prevented in July 1986 from describing the contents of the book, while *The Sunday Times*, a year later, was stopped from continuing the publication of a series of extracts from *Spycatcher*.

Yesterday the commission ruled that the case against the Government was admissible under the terms of the European Convention on Human Rights. The decision could mean that the Government will have to face the European Court of Human Rights.

The commission will try to seek a friendly settlement, but if that fails final judgement will be made either by the 23-member Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe or by the European Court of Human Rights.

Yesterday Downing Street declined to comment on the ruling. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, represented the Government at the hearing.

The Government submitted that the interim injunctions were justified because they were to be in force only until a full trial had been held. It claimed the temporary measure was permitted under the terms of article 10 of the Human Rights Convention.

Strasbourg officials said that the Government's right to seek a ban on newspaper articles was not being disputed. "The question is, did it overstep the mark this time?" they said.

If the newspapers were to win their case, they would be entitled to costs during court proceedings in Britain where they were not awarded.

Last night, Mr Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, welcomed the decision. After "a long and endless circuit of court cases", he was determined to pursue the matter to the European Court. Mr Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, was equally intent on taking it to the European Court.

He said he was following the European route because all legal avenues in Britain had been exhausted. "Our constitution does not enshrine freedom of speech as it does in the United States. This is a big issue of principle."

Final judgement is not expected for at least a year.

Speelman regains his nerve

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Jon Speelman of Britain has overcome the jitters that afflicted his play in the first two games of his World Chess Championship semi-final against Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster.

A draw was finally agreed on move 47 on Thursday night in their third game at the Sadler's Wells Theatre, London.

The other clash, between Artur Yusupov of the Soviet Union and his compatriot Anatoly Karpov, was adjourned after move 60 with Yusopov, having apparently lost his nerve at a crucial moment, facing probable defeat.

Yusopov v Karpov

White	Black	White	Black
1 d4	Nf6	31 Kh2	Rg8
2 c4	e6	32 Ng3	Qf8
3 Nc3	Bb4	33 Qb5+	Qg6
4 e3	0-0	34 Qe5	Qg7
5 Bd3	c5	35 Qd6	Ke8
6 a3	Bxc3+	36 f5	Qe7
7 bxc3	Nc6	37 Qb4+	Qd8
8 Ne2	b6	38 Qe5	Qc7
9 e4	Ne8	39 Qxc7	Kxc7
10 0-0	Ba6	40 fxe6	dxe6
11 f4	f5	41 re4	Rc2
12 Ng3	g6	42 Bd2	e5
13 Be3	Nd6	43 Rb3	Kd7
14 exf5	Nxc4	44 Rb5	Rb8
15 Bxc4	Bxc4	45 a4	Ke6
16 Qg4	Bd3	46 b4	Rc4
17 Qh5	Qe7	7 Rc5+	Rxc5
18 Rxf1	Kd7	8 dxc5	Rb4
19 Qxg6+	Qe7	49 b5	Kd5
20 Qd3	cxb4	50 Nf5+	Ke6
21 cxb4	Qb7	51 Re3+	Kf6
22 Qb5	a6	52 g4	Kf5
23 Qb3	Ke7	53 h3	Kf6
24 Rf3	Rxa3	54 h7	Kg6
25 Qxb6	Rc5	55 Kg3	Kh6
26 Qb5	Na5	56 Ke4	Kg7
27 Nf1	Qb5	57 a5	Rb5
28 Qe2	Rxb4	58 Re6	Rb1
29 Qb4	Rb7	59 Kf5	Rf1+
30 h3	Rc3	60 Kg6	Rxe6
		Adjourned	

Timman v Speelman

White	Black	White	Black
1 d4	Nf6	25 Rxc4	Qxc4
2 c4	e6	26 exf5	b5
3 Nc3	Bb4	27 Re4	Rxd4
4 e4	d6	28 Qxd4	Rd5
5 f3	0-0	29 Qe3	Rd2
6 Be3	e5	30 Nd5	Re2
7 d5	c6	31 Qf4	Qxf4
8 Qd2	cxd5	32 Qd4+	Kh8
9 cxd5	a5	33 Qb6+	Kg8
10 e4	Na6	34 Qd4+	Kh8
11 Nge2	Nb4?	35 Qb6+	Kg8
12 Rc1	b6	36 Qd4+	Kh8
13 Be2	b4	37 Rf4	Qxa4
14 Nf1	Na6	38 Nd4+	Qb7
15 Bg5	f6	39 Qb6+	Kg8
16 g4	Qd6	40 Rxe7	Rxe7
17 Bg3	b5	41 Nf3	Re2
18 0-0	b4	42 Nfe5	Re1+
19 Na1	c4	43 Kf2	Re2+
20 Be3	Nb7	44 Nf4	Rf8
21 f4	Nc5	45 Kg3	Re1
22 Rxc4	Nxe3	46 Qb8+	Kg7
23 Qe1	Nxc4	47 Qg8+	drawn
24 Qe2	Rd8		

Hawes Water eyrie

Eagle-watchers invade valley

By Ronald Faux

The golden eagles of Hawes Water, the first and only pair to breed in England for 150 years, were once a guarded secret. Few outside a circle of ornithologists and fell walkers knew the exact location of their eyrie on a crag above Riggindale, Cumbria.

Now, locals complain, all the world knows about them. During the nesting season their every flight is watched through a battery of telescopes, the hatching and fledging dates of their young are published by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and thousands are encouraged into a valley officially designated as an area of peace and tranquillity.

"The result on a fine weekend is absolute chaos with hundreds of cars jammed on the narrow road beside Hawes Water. It is quite hypocritical of the RSPB to draw all these crowds to watch birds they are supposed to be protecting," Mr Peter Allen, chairman of Bampton Commoners Association and the Cumbria hill farming committee of the National Farmers' Union, said.

He said locals resented a sensitive area being regularly invaded when the Lake District National Park authority, the North West Water Authority and the Nature Conservancy Council had all agreed it should receive the minimum disturbance.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds insisted that its operation had been protective. It had never published the location of the eyrie but there was obvious public interest in watching the eagles as there was in watching the Loch Garten ospreys and the M62 peregrines.

During the season the society maintains a constant watch on the nest site, which 15,000 people visited this year to watch the adult birds rearing a single eaglet.

On one dank morning this week the carpark at the end of the valley was full but a straw poll showed that few knew about the eagles.

Most had come to visit the Mardale Head, a normally invisible village which has re-emerged through drought.

Lillian has been away.

For sixty years, she has remained alone in a mental hospital. When it closes, her nephew Hugh decides to take Lillian back home.

Here, she is forced to confront her own memories and the curious members of her family.

Specially written for Dame Peggy Ashcroft by Stephen Poliakoff as part of the BBC's Screen One drama series, 'She's Been Away' marks the return of Sir Peter Hall to film directing after an absence of fifteen years.

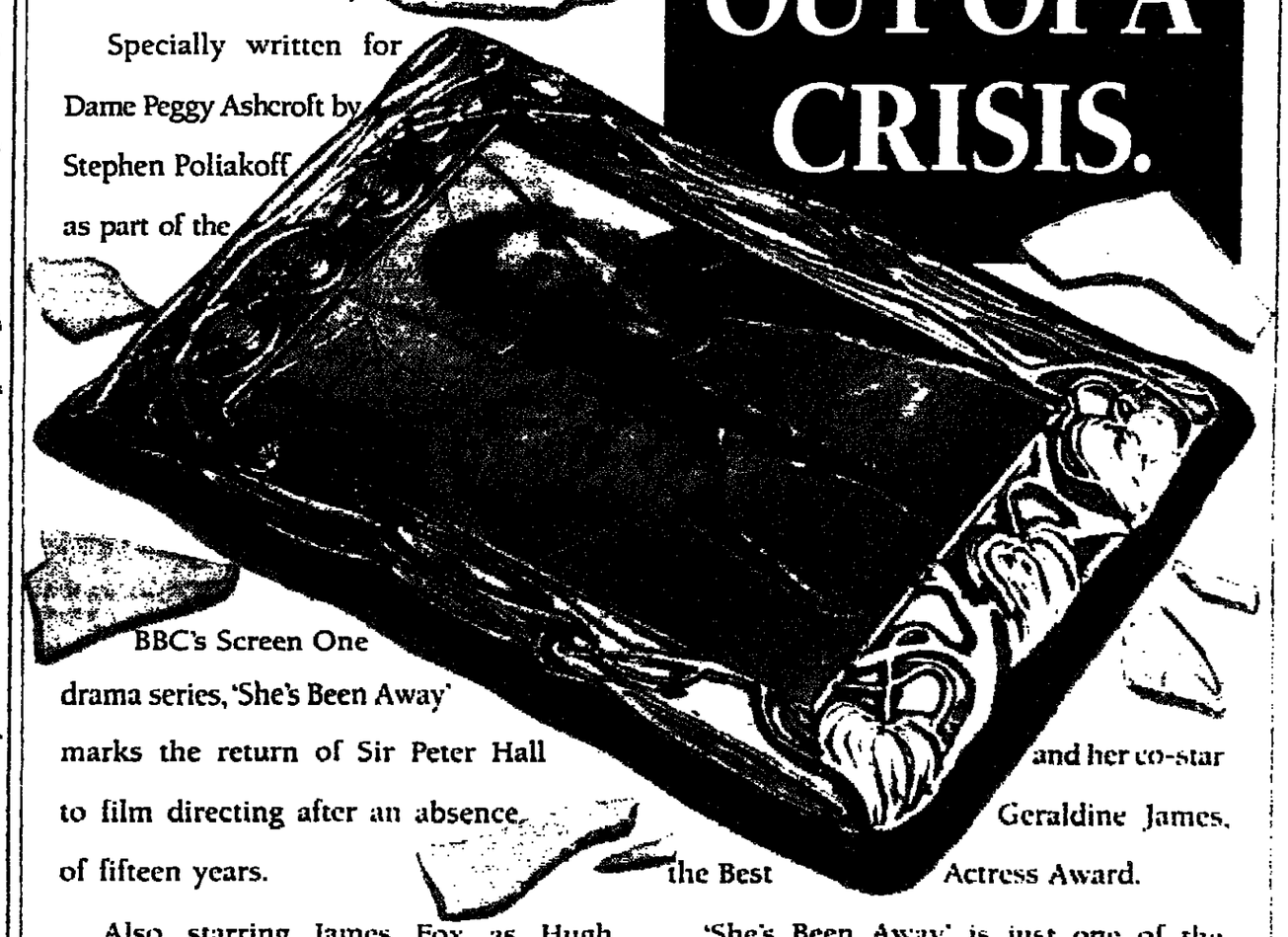
Also starring James Fox as Hugh, and Geraldine James as his wife, Harriet, 'She's Been Away', was the official British entry at this year's Venice Film Festival.

It earned both Dame Peggy Ashcroft and her co-star Geraldine James, the Best Actress Award.

'She's Been Away' is just one of the many highlights of the BBC's Autumn drama season.

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Four-power agreement infringed as more East Germans flock to Warsaw mission

West protests at closing of Berlin border points

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Britain, France and the United States yesterday protested to the Soviet Union over the closure of crossing points between East and West Berlin.

East German guards stopped thousands of young West Berliners passing through the Berlin Wall yesterday and on Thursday. The move was apparently prompted by fears that the West Germans might stage a demonstration during celebrations of East Germany's 40th anniversary.

It was not clear whether East Germany's anger over the exodus of its own young people to West Germany was a further factor.

The whole of Berlin is under the control of Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union, under a quadripartite agreement which stems from the Second World War.

In theory, but not in practice, the agreement provides for freedom of movement throughout the city. This was undermined by the construction of the Berlin Wall, which is not a recognized international boundary. The three Western powers regularly carry out military patrols in East Berlin to maintain the claim to the agreed freedom of movement.

The British Military Government, the French Military Government, and the American Mission, made their joint protest to the Soviet Embassy, which is in East Berlin. As Britain is the current chairman of the Western group, it handed over the document.

It noted the East German action with "great concern" and said it was contrary to the agreement. It "seriously infringed" the principle of free movement.

Whitehall sources said it was also contrary to a 1972 agreement between the Berlin Senate and the East German Government which provided rights to West Berliners to visit East Berlin for up to 30 days a year. Subsequent amendments to the agreement have extended these rights.

● HANOVER: About 700 East German refugees arrived in Hanover from Warsaw by special train yesterday and said they were taken along minor railway lines in their abandoned country to stop more people hopping on board (Reuter reports).

Tired but exhilarated, the refugees poured off a packed eight-coach train that was expected to be the last provided by East Germany's Communist rulers to ferry their disgruntled citizens to the West.

The new arrivals, the latest in more than 45,000 East Germans who have fled their homeland in the past month, described the unusual route taken by the train through East Germany during the night.

"We went on sidelines, routes we had never seen before," one woman said. "At every railway crossing there were policemen and state security. Everything was cordoned off."

● WARSAW: More East German refugees crowded into Bonn's embassy in Warsaw yesterday, soon after it was emptied by the departure of hundreds of compatriots for the West (Reuter reports). Nearly 200 East Germans had flocked to the embassy by early afternoon, only hours after about 600 others left Warsaw by train on Thursday night for a new life in the West.

Some of the new arrivals said police in East Germany were swarming over roads close to the frontier to stop people crossing into Poland.

"But once I got to the River Neisse it was easy to get across," one refugee said. "I only had to swim a few metres (yards)."

A spokeswoman for the Polish Government, Ms Malgorzata Niezabitowska, said that Polish border guards had turned back 407 East Germans trying to cross into the country illegally in the last 18 days. No East Germans with proper travel papers had been detained on the Polish side and Poland was doing its best to help East Germans who came in legally, she said. She added that Warsaw had received signals that East German authorities were detaining people who had the documents entitling them to enter Poland.



Cry freedom: A refugee is overcome by emotion after arriving in Hannover in a special train from Warsaw yesterday.

First encounters with freedom

From Michael Binyon, Giessen, West Germany

What the young East German wanted to know from the receptionist at the camp entrance was: "Do I need to check out?" He had a large rucksack and was off to Kleberg, where a room and a job had been promised him.

To his surprise, there were few formalities. After receiving travel papers and DM 200 (£67) to help him on his way, he signed out of the Federal Emergency Reception Centre, carrying everything he owned in his adopted country, and set off into the grey drizzle.

Herr Lothar Glass, an electrician from Waren/Mueretz, was one of the stream of refugees from the West German Embassy in Prague who came out in the first rail convoy. He had nothing but praise for his reception in the West. "The Red Cross were wonderful. They did everything for us. I stayed a few days in Bayreuth before coming here. Now I am going to start a new life."

Despite the drizzle, the courtyard of this permanent reception camp beside the station was filled with young people loading up cars, bringing out cases and bundles of possessions from the rooms to which they had been assigned, and swapping addresses.

The camp, with 10 solidly constructed housing blocks, a restaurant, clinic, kindergarten and counselling unit, was the refugees' first step towards integration into West German society. Here they were issued with the vital registration papers enabling them to seek work, interviewed by security men, and given a chance for two or three days to rest before dispersing throughout West Germany.

Many at Giessen were those who had emigrated legally, often waiting years for permission to cross, but able to bring their cars, clothes and items of sentimental value with them. Some 500, however, had arrived in the two convoys from Prague and still seemed dazed by the trauma.

"I was five weeks and two days in the embassy garden," Frau Birgit Seltmann said. Her three children — aged 13, seven and two — were with her, packed in a tiny shelter with 20 others.

"The journey here was terrible. We had to go through the German Democratic Republic and we were worried. It took 15 hours. There was nowhere for the children to sit. It was the middle of the night when we crossed the border at Hof, but I do not really remember. I was exhausted."

A new-found camp acquaintance from Magdeburg came over to give her a long farewell embrace before leaving. He had camped outside the embassy railings for 52 hours. "The police beat us. They used tear gas to try to make us leave," he said.

Jobs were the overriding concern of most refugees. There was no shortage of offers. Placards outside the camp were covered in hundreds of handwritten notices, every silver birch lining the road was smothered, every fence and railing fluttered with wanted notices. "Cardiologist in Bad Wildungen seeks trained nurse for night service"; "Construction engineers and qualified builders needed; good wages and accommodation." Advertisements cried out for workers.

But some of the notices remind the refugees of the hardship they left behind. "Bodo Strehlow. Who saw him?" one asked of a young sailor pictured in a handwritten appeal. "Ten years ago he was given a life sentence for trying to flee the country. He lived in Magdeburg. Please telephone if you have any news of him."

The Giessen camp, unlike the dozen set up to deal with the latest crisis, is a permanent installation; hundreds of thousands of East Germans have spent their first nights in the West here, but in the courtyard is a reminder of those who never made it, a simple stone memorial to the last great revolt against communist rule reading: "June 17, 1953. Unity, peace, freedom."

Refugees count cost of escape

By Ian Murray

Stirring supper on the stove with one hand and clutching his baby son to his chest with the other, Herr Jakob Batt anxiously posed for photographers in his tiny bed-sit in Frankfurt.

"Please," he asked, "promise that these pictures will not be seen in Russia." He looked around the 20 square yards which he and his wife share with their two little children. "Back there we had a big house. People will think we were crazy to chuck all that in for this."

Herr Batt is one of the hundreds of thousands of ethnic German refugees who have arrived in the West in the past couple of years and who is finding that the price of freedom is expensive.

Brought up in a socialist society, where job security and low productivity provide poor training for life in one of the world's most competitive countries, even the skilled refugees bursting through what is left of the Iron Curtain face a difficult period of adjustment after the euphoria of breathing their first free air and making their first free speech to waiting journalists.

Although there are more jobs on offer than takers for the younger East Germans, plus social security for the unemployed, the newcomers have no real idea of the value of the money they earn. Most are paid at least double the amount they were earning in the East. They are eager to spend on the dazzling choice of consumer goods and some run quickly into debt. Others find it hard to work to the higher, more competitive levels being demanded of them.

Help to overcome problems of integration has become the main task of the Federation of Central Germans, formed 20 years ago with the primary aim of furthering reunification.

Its president is Herr Bernd Wilz, a Christian Democrat Bundestag member, who was born at Meerane in the heart of what is now East Germany 46 years ago. He has childhood memories of communist brainwashing at primary school where he felt left out because he was the only child in the class whose parents refused to allow him to join the Young Pioneer movement. "I was not allowed to wear a blue scarf and it was very hard for me to understand that."

But the family fled to the West in 1952 and now he often proudly wears the uniform of a reserve army officer, staunchly supports Nato and looks forward with growing confidence to the unification of the two Germanies.

Although he works hard to help refugees to integrate in the West, he insists "We have no interest in seeing East Germany depopulated. The worst outcome would be that only the Red Army and party functionaries were left. We have to pay tribute to those who have decided to stay to work towards a peaceful process of reform."

But while the federation does what it can to further reforms — such as laying a cable to bring Western television to "the valley of ignorance" where geography stops Dresden receiving a clear signal from West German transmitters — it spends most of its £500,000 budget on helping refugees to integrate.

"From the start we have to help them with the laws and how to cope with our bureaucracy," Herr Wilz said. "They are used to a structure of command and obey and now they have to think for themselves."

In housing they have trouble understanding they must pay an agents' fee for property they see advertised in newspapers. At work they face some of their biggest challenges. "They have to learn that here you have to work hard. It is an adjustment."

He remembered visiting a Dresden café one afternoon in working hours five years ago and found it full of men and women dancing when they were supposed to be at work. "They just did not see any point in going. Here they learn there are a lot of incentives. They want to have a car, to travel, to buy clothes for their wives. These things create their own pressures."

WORLD ROUNDUP

Hungary reform battle heats up

Budapest — Leaders of the rival reform and hardline wings of the Hungarian Socialist Workers (Communist) Party, opened the party's extraordinary congress yesterday with combative speeches, setting the stage for a battle which could end in the party's disintegration (Ernest Beck writes). Mr Karoly Grosz, the conservative general secretary, said that although the production of a market economy might cause conflict with socialist values such as full employment, the interests of the working class should not be dropped from the party's character.

Mr Imre Pozsgay, a reform leader who appeared to be gaining ground among delegates, blamed the party hierarchy for past mistakes and for leading the country to its current crisis. To applause, he declared that "the history of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party has now been terminated".

Greek Cabinet resigns

Athens — Mr Tzannis Tzannetakis, the Greek Prime Minister, will hand in the resignation of his interim Cabinet to President Sartzetakis today (Mario Modiano writes). A complex constitutional procedure will follow in which the President will ask the leaders of the three main parties to try to form a majority government, but declared party positions mean that the nation will face a general election on November 5.

The Cabinet, an odd coalition of conservatives and Communists, was set up in July to give Parliament time to institute criminal proceedings against Socialist leaders for alleged involvement in financial and other scandals.

Red Cross men seized

West Beirut — Masked gunmen yesterday kidnapped two Swiss members of the International Committee of the Red Cross in southern Lebanon, effectively putting the Palestinian Liberation Organization in the uncomfortable position to prove whether it can prevent abductions of foreigners in its main bastion in Lebanon (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). Mr Emmanuel Christen aged 32, and Mr Elio Enriquez aged 23, were seized by gunmen and driven into the Ein el-Helweh Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon after being dragged from an ICRC car.

Royal visit problem

Hong Kong — A planned visit to a Hong Kong drug rehabilitation centre by the Princess of Wales next month has caused severe embarrassment in the colony because the institution shares a building with 1,200 Vietnamese boat people (Jonathan Braude writes). News of the visit comes in the wake of the controversy caused by the Foreign Office's reluctance to allow the Prince of Wales to visit a Vietnamese detention centre during the royal tour here, and officials are hurriedly trying to find other accommodation for the Vietnamese refugees.

Slaughter continues

Colombo — The killing spree in Sri Lanka's central hills around the ancient hill capital of Kandy continued with 19 more youths found dead yesterday (Vijitha Yapa writes). All those killed had been shot through the head, a type of killing undertaken by pro-government vigilante groups. On Thursday, 14 decapitated bodies were found at Peradeniya University, the heads arranged neatly around a pond on the campus. This was believed to be a revenge killing for the murder on Wednesday of a Volunteer Force captain from the university.

US proposals for tripartite meeting offer hope of salvaging peace initiative

Israelis reject Mubarak invitation to talks with PLO

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

After two days of debate, the Israeli coalition Cabinet yesterday rejected an invitation from President Mubarak of Egypt to talk with a Palestinian delegation in Cairo on the holding of elections in the occupied territories.

But senior officials said the Cabinet could still salvage the peace initiative by agreeing on proposals put forward by Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, for tripartite Israeli-Egyptian-US talks on the composition of a Palestinian negotiating team.

"The ball is in Washington's court," one diplomat said. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, said after the Cabinet session that Israel's peace initiative was still alive and he appealed to all ministers to support it. But Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, accused Mr Shamir of spurning President Mubarak's good will.

The six Labour ministers in the 12-man inner Cabinet forced a vote on the Mubarak proposal, under which the Palestinian side would be nominated by Egypt in consultation with the PLO.

Mr Shamir objected, saying: "If somebody wants to talk to the PLO, he should say so, and the Labour Party has not had the decency to talk straight about what it wants." The vote ended in a tie, with the six Likud ministers, led by Mr Shamir, turning down the Egyptian initiative.

Under coalition rules, a proposal is defeated if there is deadlock. Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Defence Minister, said he was "very disappointed".

During the Cabinet meeting, Mr Moshe Arens, the Foreign Minister (Likud), sought urgent clarification from the US on its compromise proposal. But Washington's response did not arrive in time to be debated before the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath.

The Cabinet meets again tomorrow, but the peace initiative is not on the agenda and no further meetings have been scheduled until after Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on Monday.

Diplomats said the resulting delay could lead to a loss of the momentum built up so far by Mr Mubarak's initiative and by Mr Shamir's hints of a Likud-Labour compromise.

● Village rebellion: "Boycott the auction," said Mr Munir. He was a driver for an Israeli company and was standing in the almost empty living room of his home: no television set, no sofa, not much except a few chairs. Nearby, a small upholstery workshop had been stripped of its machinery.



Mr Ivan Callan: Refused entry to village.

The residents of Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, are refusing to pay Israeli taxes, and as a result Israeli troops have moved into homes and workshops in the village to confiscate household goods and equipment. An auction of the items is to be held this week at an Israeli military base.

"If nobody goes to the auction, we will win our protest," said Mr Munir, without much conviction.

The Beit Sahour tax revolt has become a *cause célèbre* in the Palestinian *intifada*. It is not the first time that Palestinians have refused to pay taxes. Beit Sahour, however, is not a hotbed of radicalism. It is a middle-class Arab village with a predominantly Christian population. There has been some stone-throwing, but the protests have been mild, with discussion groups rather than petrol bombs.

The Israeli military authorities have offered to halt the property seizures, amounting to some $750,000 (£468,000), if residents call off their protest and pay up. But they have refused, saying that Arabs under occupation have few civil rights.

Yesterday Israeli troops at a roadblock outside Beit Sahour refused entry to Mr Ivan Callan, the British Consul in east Jerusalem, and six of his European colleagues who were trying to visit the village.

An Israeli officer explained that Beit Sahour was under curfew. Mr Callan said conditions in the village, where the tax raids have been going on for two weeks, were a cause for concern. "We wanted to see for ourselves what is going on," he said. "It is part of our job." Israeli officers said the consuls should apply to the Israeli Foreign Ministry for permission to enter the village.

Noriega played executioner to end coup attempt

From Charles Bremner, New York

A comedy of errors involving misheard American telephone calls helped to doom Tuesday's uprising in Panama — a débâcle that ended with the execution of Major Moises Giraldi, the coup leader, by General Manuel Noriega himself, according to fresh reports from Panama and US officials.

The climax of the ill-fated uprising came as Major Giraldi, a longtime friend of the general, burst in to face him in the military headquarters as loyalist troops were fighting their way into the building to rescue the general.

In the best Hollywood tradition, the general walked unarmed towards the mutinous major, who was wielding an automatic weapon, looked him in the eye and noted that he was trembling.

"You are going to die," General Noriega told him quietly. "Your men are being brought into custody outside. You are a dead man." The major faltered and laid down his gun, according to slightly varying accounts circulating among Panamanian and US officials. General Noriega then picked up a weapon and riddled the rebel officer with bullets.

The ignominious death came two days after the major believed he had won assurance of US military support in the coup he would lead against the man whose removal was a top priority for President Bush.

The Americans were first notified more than two weeks ago by the major's wife that her husband wanted help in mounting a coup — an action that President Bush had been publicly urging for months. The Americans did nothing, according to an investigation by the *Wall Street Journal* yesterday. The final spur for the major and fellow officers came last weekend when they attended a christening party for General Noriega's grand-daughter in Old Panama and watched their leader grow drunk, boastful and violent.

On Sunday night, CIA officials met Major Giraldi and despite their qualms over his record as a Noriega loyalist, they agreed to a request that US troops block three key routes leading to the headquarters of the Panamanian Defence Forces. However, no contingency plans were prepared and there was no meeting of key officials in the Bush Administration to co-ordinate US action.

On Sunday night, the soon-to-be widowed Señora Giraldi fled with the couple's three children and his ailing father to US protection, only to be turned away at first by guards, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

On Tuesday, when the coup finally came, American troops did block two of the three routes but left a third open, allowing General Noriega's loyal Battalion 2000 and his Machos del Monte commandos to go to his rescue. The American action, albeit limited, was flatly denied by President Bush as it was already under way. Throughout the tense hours a confusion of communications reigned. Officers were unable to get through to the mutineers' despite the fact that they had provided a special telephone number. The rebels had cut off all the lines when they stormed the headquarters. When the Americans tried to telephone, switchboard operators at the US base kept interrupting them telling them they had orders to keep the lines free. According to *The New York Times* yesterday, the biggest error came in one crucial call. A US officer reported to the Pentagon by telephone that the rebels "won't turn General Noriega over". He repeated the same words in a call to the CIA at the US Embassy, but the message was understood as "the rebels want to turn General Noriega over". The CIA and the State Department then signalled that conflicting version to Washington, sowing confusion in the White House.

It was only in the final hour of the coup that rebel officers went to Fort Clayton, the US base, and pleaded for access to a US officer. More valuable time was lost when sentries at the gate barred their entry. They eventually met General Marc Cisneros and asked him to take General Noriega into custody but with a promise not to have him extradited. There was no American plan for dealing with such a request, the press reports yesterday said. By then it was too late anyway.

Opposition leader flees to embassy

From Alan Tomlinson, Panama City

Señor Guillermo Endara, the Panamanian opposition leader, sought refuge at the Vatican Embassy here early yesterday after police and armed civilians detained him in an attack on his headquarters.

The assault came only hours after General Manuel Noriega, the country's military leader, threatened to crack down on his opponents after Tuesday's abortive coup.

Señor Endara, weakened by a 16-day hunger strike he had undertaken in the opposition's campaign against General Noriega, was seized and thrown into a police van after a six-hour siege of his headquarters by about 50 armed men, apparently members of a pro-Noriega organization called the Dignity Battalions.

The attackers surrounded the building where the rotund former presidential candidate was holding his liquids-only fast on a hospital bed visible to the street through shop windows. They fired shots into the air to disperse Endara supporters outside the building and fired on American television cameramen when they arrived to record the scene. A crew from the NBC network was peppered with pellets from a shotgun. Other reporters were manhandled.

Police stood by laughing as Señor Endara and 15 colleagues remained trapped inside the building. As darkness fell, police reinforcements arrived, sealing off the street, smashing windows and arresting the opposition leader. He was released after pressure from diplomats.

Earlier, General Noriega told a crowd of supporters to apply new principles in dealing with what he called traitors. "Blows for the undecided, bullets for enemies, mercy for friends," he said.

Fear of Zimbabwe crackdown after union chief is held

From Jan Raath, Harare

Police yesterday arrested the leader of Zimbabwe's trade union movement, the latest sign, it was feared, of an all-embracing offensive against growing dissent.

On Thursday night, the University of Zimbabwe's own usually conservative Senate voted overwhelmingly to condemn the closure of the university on Wednesday, joining an outcry from several other quarters.

The unexpected turn of events has created alarm in the capital where, with the rest of the country, momentum is gathering for elections next year with the registration of voters and preparations for the congress of the ruling Zanu (PF) party later this year.

Three plainclothes police arrested Mr Morgan Tsvangirai, the Secretary-General of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, at his offices here at 9.30am, offering no explanation. Mr Nicholas Mudzengerere, the Deputy Secretary-General, said. An emergency meeting of the trade union movement was due to be held later in the day, he added.

His arrest follows a strongly worded staement issued on Thursday night in which he denounced the "unleashing of hundreds of heavily armed *riot police details*" *on to the* campus on Wednesday as a "clear manifestation of rising state repression". Mr Tsvangirai also called on workers "to declare a state of emergency and alert," without indicating what this meant.

At least 40 students were arrested on the campus on Wednesday during a day of violence and tear gas sparked off by a 3am raid by police who took away Mr Arthur Mutambara, the president of the students' representative council, and his secretary-general, Mr Enoc Chikweche. Mr Mutambara was injured in a fall when he tried unsuccessfully to escape.

On Thursday night the university Senate, a non-executive body, handed Professor Walker Kamba, the Vice-Chancellor, a five-point list of demands, including the immediate reopening of the university and a ban on the presence of police on campus without prior approval of the university. Professor Kamba said on Wednesday that he and his two Pro-Vice-Chancellors had made the decision prior to holding consultations with President Mugabe, who *is also the* Chancellor.

It is the first time that the Senate has opposed the Vice-Chancellor. Their action was endorsed immediately afterwards by the Association of University Teachers.

Mr Edgar Tekere, the leader of ZUM (Zimbabwe Unity Movement), the country's only substantive opposition political party, joined the condemnation yesterday when at a press conference he deplored the closure, but said he was "not particularly surprised," as the Government was "already behaving as if it is a one-party state".

On Wednesday students were chanting "ZUM, ZUM" at police.

The heads of the main churches met Professor Kamba on Thursday, and expressed their concern that the steps taken at the university "would plunge the nation into chaos".

At an earlier meeting the church leaders had agreed that the behaviour of the police had been "very provocative".

Salvador militants take over embassy



A woman member of a group of 20 armed militants who occupied the Costa Rican Embassy in San Salvador on Thursday keeping an eye on Salvadorean troops outside the embassy entrance. The group, protesting against human rights abuses in El Salvador, was holding 13 people hostage yesterday (AP reports from San Salvador). One hostage, Señor Jesús Fernández, the Costa Rican Ambassador, was taken from the embassy compound in an ambulance late on Thursday and two other diplomats were also allowed to leave. Señor Fernández, who had heart bypass surgery two months ago, appeared to be breathing with difficulty. Four journalists were also in the offices, but not as hostages. The militants, mostly women, belong to an organization of relatives of political prisoners and people who have "disappeared" or been killed in a decade of civil war. They said their action was a protest at an alleged increase in human rights violations since a right-wing Government took power on June 1 and to force "concrete measures to end the war".

New peace move by Australian pilots

From Robert Cockburn
Sydney

Australia's striking airline pilots yesterday made further concessions in their dispute with domestic airlines and the Government by offering to go to arbitration. They had earlier dropped their 30 per cent pay claim.

A spokesman for the Pilots' Federation said they would accept 6 per cent with additional increases in overtime. However, the Government and the airlines have so far refused to negotiate with the federation.

The Hawke Goverment now stands accused of rule-bending and safety violations to maintain its political battle against the pilots.

Captain George Segan, a senior examiner of the Civil Aviation Authority, has reportedly sent a warning to his management about the "deleterious effect on our ability to set and administer standards for the airline industry".

Australian Airlines cabin crew *have refused to fly on a* chartered Liberian-operated, Irish-registered, Boeing 707 because it looked "unsafe".

Six French pilots, hired by the Ansett airline to fly in Western Australia, reportedly colluded in their pre-requisite examination. All six made the same mistakes.

The Pope visits Asia

Attempt to mend fences with Islam

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

The Pope arrives in Seoul today to start his fourth visit to Asia, his second to South Korea, and his first to the restless former Portuguese colony of East Timor.

Christianity, although still the region's minority religion, is spreading swiftly enough throughout Asia for him to believe that another visit will *increase the momentum.*

A more difficult job will be his attempt to heal some of the wounds of the past and erase memories of the medieval crusades against Islam while at the same time making it clear to his hosts that he is keeping a watchful eye on challenges to the Roman Catholic Church behind Islam's wall.

The sensitive visit to East Timor, where the population of 700,000 is mostly Catholic and opposed to Indonesia's *capital of Dili next Thursday* that could produce one of the trip's more diplomatically testing moments.

Mr Ali Alatas, Indonesia's Foreign Minister, has said he hopes the Pope's visit to East Timor will help to improve the international attitude towards Jakarta's annexation of East Timor, which is formally *recognized by neither the* United Nations nor the Vatican.

"He will get a first-hand view of how successful Indonesia has been in unifying the people and fostering harmony among the various religions," Mr Alatas said.

The Portuguese Goverment regularly demands self-rule for East Timor, and it is estimated that thousands have died in fighting between soldiers and straggling remnants of Timorese separatist groups.

Amnesty International has accused Indonesia of human rights violations, but the Indonesian Government denies this.

Like other minorities, the Catholics of East Timor often feel their faith more powerfully because of their relative isolation. Throughout Asia, Christians are among the more vocal critics of the region's often heavy-handed rulers.

South Korea, another papal port of call, has one of the biggest Christian populations in Asia and the numbers are growing fast.

In Indonesia, the Pope's next stop, Christians, although few in number, are powerful; the tally of Christian Cabinet Ministers is disproportionately high, given that the population is 90 per cent Muslim.

The Pope has made a mission of mending the Vatican's fences with Islam, saying that dialogue between the world's two largest religions is vital, especially at a time when the Muslim-Christian rivalry in Lebanon has underlined the high price of conflict.

Rome (AFP) – Several international pacifist and humanitarian organizations, including the Catholic association Pax Christi, have called on the Pope *to be* the spokesman for the right to self-determination when he visits East Timor, the former Portuguese colony annexed in 1975 by Indonesia, later this month.

1976 annexation of the Portuguese possession after Portugal's 1975 revolution, was agreed to by Indonesian officials in the hope that it will lay to rest oft-repeated charges of human rights violations in the province.

The Pope has visited more than 80 countries and spent more than a tenth of his 11-year pontificate travelling, particularly to the world's trouble spots, seldom hesitating to speak his mind when he gets there.

So, although he will be visiting the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius as well as South Korea and Indonesia, it will be a Mass for 400,000 people in the East Timor

Brundtland to resign

Oslo (AP) – Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's Prime Minister, has announced that she will resign next week rather than be ousted by a vote in Parliament. Her Labour Government, which suffered heavy setbacks in elections last month, will be replaced by a three-party, non-socialist coalition headed by Mr Jan Syse, the Conservative Party leader.

Briton fined

Hong Kong – Mr William Dingle Miners, aged 19, from Bristol University, was fined about £300 here after pleading guilty to unlawful assembly and resisting arrest outside an anniversary party for the People's Republic of China.

Fire deaths

Norfolk, Virginia (AP) – Nine people were killed and scores injured in a fire on the second floor of the Hillhaven Rehabilitation and Convalescent Centre here.

Etna fears

Rome – The civil protection authorities are preparing caravans and tents to house possible evacuees as Mount Etna, in Sicily, continues to erupt with unusual violence.

Students held

Dhaka (Reuter) – Police arrested about 30 students and seized weapons in raids at universities aimed at stamping out campus violence.

Minister goes

Taipei (Reuter) – Mr Hsiao Tien-tzang, the Taiwanese Justice Minister, has resigned after six weeks of embarrassing public allegations that he was involved in an influence-peddling scandal.

Climbers die

Kathmandu (Reuter) – Four Spanish climbers, including two brothers, have been killed by an avalanche during an attempt on Mount Pumori, in the Everest region.

Six jailed

Tunis (Reuter) – Tunisia has jailed six communists, including two women, for up to 18 months for illegal political activity and libelling President Ben Ali.

Plea rejected

Singapore (AFP) – The High Court has refused to reverse the 1986 disqualification from Parliament of Mr Benjamin Jeyaretnam, an opposition politician

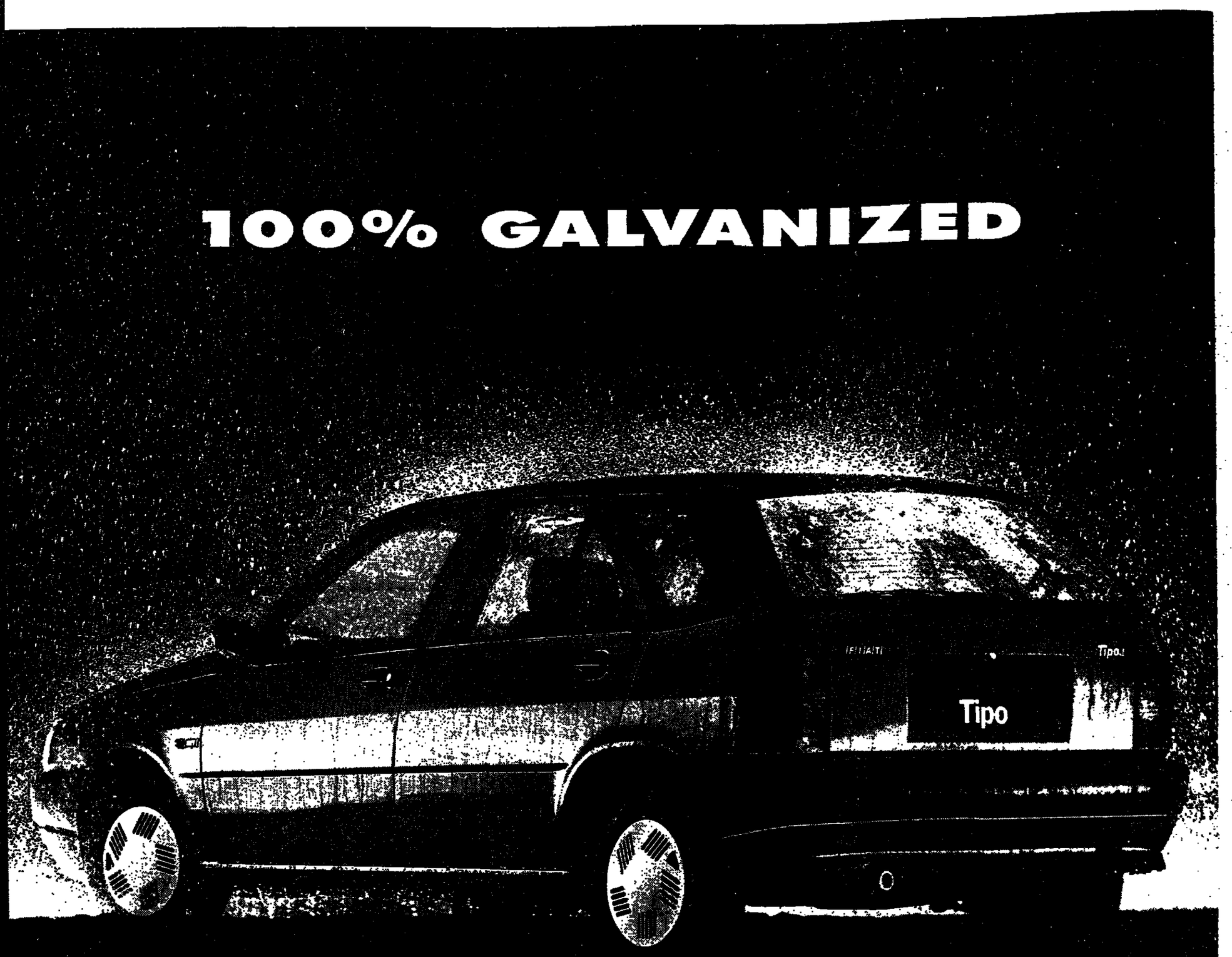
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De Klerk expected to free Sisulu but ANC sees little sign of a real change

Pretoria will release two top political prisoners

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

South Africa will release two prominent political prisoners within the next few days, partly to help Mrs Thatcher resist demands for tougher economic sanctions at the Commonwealth Conference which begins in Kuala Lumpur on October 18.

Authoritative sources said the detainees were Walter Sisulu, former General Secretary of the African National Congress, and Oscar Mpetha, president of the United Democratic Front, the ANC surrogate in South Africa.

Their release is also viewed as an interim step towards freeing Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, and towards creating a climate for negotiations with black leaders on constitutional reforms pledged by President de Klerk.

Sisulu, aged 77, was sentenced with Mandela to life imprisonment in 1964 for plotting revolution. Mpetha, aged 80, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in August, 1985, in connection with an incident in near Cape Town in which two motorists were killed. A diabetic, he is said to be in poor health.

Apart from Mandela, Sisulu is the most important of five men still serving life sentences imposed at the Rivonia treason trial of 1964. The others are Raymond Mhlaba, Ahmed Kathrada and Andrew Mlangeni.

The Government has accepted in principle that Mandela should be freed within the next few months, but it is still considering how and when. Mrs Thatcher reaffirmed this week that she would not visit South Africa until he had been released, without restrictions.

Meanwhile, Mr de Klerk is to meet the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, in Pretoria next Wednesday to discuss reform.

Archbishop Tutu said yesterday: "I would have hoped that by now, as a man who has taken the trouble to go to Mozambique and Zambia, he would decide it was time he spoke to leaders within the country." He said it would be easier for him to persuade anti-apartheid activists to be "slightly more patient" if the President would demonstrate clearly his commitment to end apartheid. Mr de Klerk could dramatically alter the political climate by lifting the state of emergency, releasing detainees, unbanning organizations and abolishing apartheid legislation, he said.

Afrikaner talks leave Mbeki gloomy on apartheid


MARK PEPPER

Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's secretary of international affairs, in London yesterday, where he dismissed suggestions that President de Klerk is genuinely committed to political reform.

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

A week after talks at a small country hotel outside London between the African National Congress and a group of senior South Africans, it is clear that little progress was made.

The secrecy surrounding the meeting gave an impression that Pretoria was edging towards direct talks with the ANC, using non-government representatives to discuss terms. This seems to have been too optimistic.

Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's secretary for international affairs, yesterday strongly discouraged hopes of quick progress. He said there were no signs that Pretoria was moving towards direct talks with the ANC or that the new Government was genuinely committed to change. He accused President de Klerk of playing for time, seeking to perpetuate apartheid despite saying he is opposed to it.

Mr Mbeki, aged 47, who is seen by some as a possible future ANC leader, led the ANC delegation in talks with Mr Wimpie de Klerk, elder brother of the President, and a group of Afrikaner academics. He said there was never any question of the South Africans having a mandate to speak for Pretoria, and the meeting should be seen as part of its effort to meet as many sectors of South African opinion as possible.

That much was agreed by a South African participant in the talks, who asked not to be named. More talks between the ANC and another group of South Africans will be arranged by the French Government next month, but Mr Mbeki said Pretoria would again not be taking part.

President de Klerk has been more conciliatory than his predecessor, Mr P.W. Botha, allowing anti-apartheid demonstrations. But Mr Mbeki said that Mr de Klerk had little choice, because to have banned the demonstrations or used violence would have cost him overseas support.

The ANC feels there is little to choose between the policies of Mr de Klerk and Mr Botha, because both are based on the concept of "group rights". Once it became clear that Mr de Klerk wanted reform to come about within a framework based on group rights, the ANC's attitude hardened.

Mr de Klerk appears to be working for a fairer society but one in which each of the main racial groups would have guaranteed rights. Mr Mbeki said that if Pretoria really believed this argument it could create a fourth parliamentary chamber, extending the tricameral parliament to include blacks. The voting strength of each racial group depends on its size, which gives the whites a majority over the Coloureds (mixed-race) and Indians. In a four-chamber system, black deputies would greatly outnumber all others.

> The ANC says if Pretoria really wants reform it will create a black parliament

Mr Mbeki said that Pretoria wanted to avoid this by splitting up the blacks, treating Zulu and Xhosa-speaking peoples as separate groups, while not making the same distinction between whites of Afrikaner and English origin.

The ANC remains opposed to any system based on group rights, calling for universal suffrage and a non-racial government. But Mr Mbeki said it would not make this demand a precondition for talks with Pretoria, and hoped the Government would not make group rights non-negotiable.

Before talks could take place, the Government would need to create the right atmosphere by releasing Nelson Mandela and other ANC leaders, ending the ban on the organization and ending the state of emergency. When asked why he had not released Mandela as soon as he took office, Mr de Klerk replied, in a recent television interview, that Mandela himself had said his release was "not an issue at this time".

However, Mr Mbeki said that this misrepresented Mandela's views. While he had made such a statement it was in a different context. "Of course his release is an issue", he said.

One of the South Africans in the London talks said Mandela could be released as part of a package which would give him an agreed role. Mr Mbeki replied that, if released, Mandela would join the anti-apartheid struggle and it would be for the ANC to say what role he would play.

Mr Mbeki said there was no British Government involvement in the latest talks, and if it wanted a role Mrs Thatcher would have to drop her refusal to allow her ministers to meet ANC leaders.

Mr Mbeki denied reports that the ANC was facing a leadership contest because of the illness of Mr Oliver Tambo, its president. "I am sure he will be able to resume his duties," he said.

'Rumpole of Nairobi' puts Kenya legal system in dock over mystery of Julie Ward's death

Hollywood moguls vie for film rights

From Christopher Walker
Nairobi

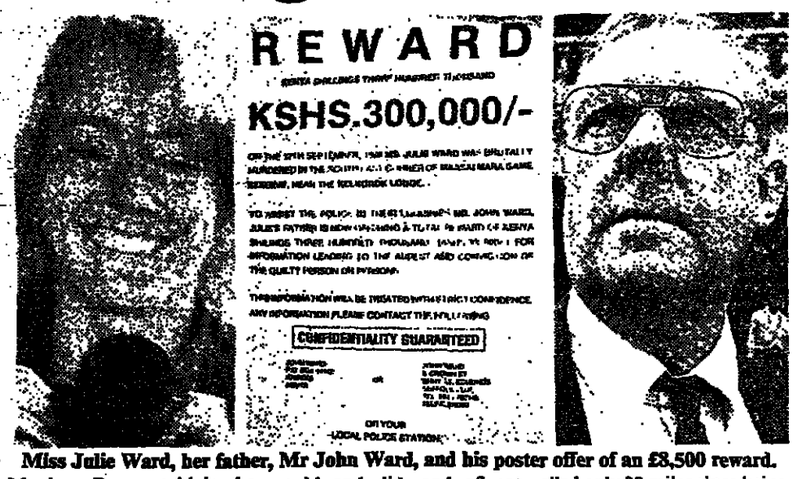
It is no surprise that three Hollywood companies are already vying for the rights to make a film about the death of Julie Ward, the vivacious British tourist. The inquest into her death ended yesterday amid the kind of legal controversy not generated here since the "White Mischief" trial more than 40 years ago.

As one of the film-makers tastelessly told her father: "John, this has everything — mystery, corruption, a cover-up, a beautiful girl, sex, wild animals and African landscapes."

During nearly five weeks of evidence now being weighed by Mr Joseph Mango, the chief magistrate, such a graphic story of police incompetence, contradictions and official malpractice has emerged that many observers — black and white — feel that Kenya's whole legal system is in the dock.

A written statement given to Mr Ward by the wife of a Swiss wildlife film director, who was camping in the Masai Mara Game Reserve when Julie's remains were found on September 13, 1988, has suggested that attempts to cover the truth may have reached high up in a Government which is a frequent target of corruption allegations.

Referring to the key African witness, Mr Simon Makala, formerly chief warden of the 600 square-mile reserve (now indefinitely suspended on embezzlement charges), Mrs Monique Berney said in the statement, given in August: "Having visited the chief warden Makala, just after the tragedy of your daughter, I found him very nervous and uneasy because he had received a call to go and see President Moi in Nairobi the next day. I send you this detail because it may be of some use for your inquiry."



Miss Julie Ward, her father, Mr John Ward, and his poster offer of an £8,500 reward.

Mr Makala, aged 39, a member of the Masai tribe dominant in the region where Miss Ward disappeared, was openly accused by Mr Byron Georgiadis, Mr Ward's lawyer, of personally dumping her vehicle in the gulley where it was found about 24 hours after she was killed.

Mr Makala was accused of perjuring himself by swearing that he could not drive when other witnesses swore that he could and did, and of not telling the truth about how he and a group of rangers had come to discover Julie's mutilated remains on a pyre eight miles from where the empty vehicle was found only hours earlier.

He was also asked pointedly how, if he did not drive it, he knew her vehicle did not have the four-wheel drive that would normally have been fitted to it.

Mr Ward's persistence uncovered that the fire on which her remains were found was started by petrol, probably from the jerrycan still missing from the vehicle. The hapless Superintendent Muchiri Wanjau, who led the police inquiry, never investigated why the vehicle had a half-empty tank or why the can was missing, although it had travelled only 32 miles since being filled.

"In a nutshell, the official version had my daughter walking eight miles through dangerous bush in a pair of flip-flops, carrying a can of petrol weighing 50lbs, surviving in the wild for six days and eventually falling into a fire of her own making or being pushed in by animals which we know don't like fires," Mr Ward said derisively.

"It was an insult to anyone's intelligence." Mr Ward, aged 56, from Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, a millionaire who recently came out of retirement in California to return to the British hotel industry, has constructed a formidable case from evidence gathered in six countries at a personal cost of more than £100,000.

Mr Ward has now completed a list of conclusions about the "qualities and abilities" of the man who he thinks killed Julie after holding her for some six days and very probably sexually abusing her.

"He is someone who Julie would have trusted," the list states.

"He is intelligent; this is a sophisticated crime. He has freedom of movement in the park. He has transport of his own or access to transport.

"He has a degree of authority. He is important enough to warrant a cover-up. He must possess an intimate knowledge of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. He probably had an accomplice."

The murderer's profile was compiled after Mr Ward and Mr Robert Whitford, the chirpy, Welsh-born private detective who has been assisting him, made an analysis of Julie's last safari, accompanied where possible by photographic and other evidence (not all of it admissible in court). It was often in direct conflict with the evidence of those working in the reserve who top their list of potential suspects.

Just as the "White Mischief" murder of the adulterous Lord Erroll in 1941 remains an unsolved crime — albeit one surrounded by a mass of fascinating theories — there are fears that the killers of Julie Ward may now never be brought to justice. In both cases vital fingerprint evidence was inadvertently wiped from a vehicle at the centre of the investigation.

Wily lawyer proud to be a thorn in side of authority

From Our Own Correspondent, Nairobi

Byron Nicholas Georgiadis, the flamboyant 62-year-old lawyer whose closing address yesterday at the Julie Ward inquest is certain to become a cause célèbre in Kenyan legal history, has been described as a colonial hybrid between Perry Mason and Rumpole of the Bailey.

Educated at Oxford and called to the Bar in the Middle Temple in 1951, Mr Georgiadis is a naturalized British citizen of Greek origin who has long been regarded as one of the wiliest and most colourful advocates in East Africa. His pinstriped shirts, bushy eyebrows and formidable horn-rimmed spectacles make him instantly recognizable.

As he has demonstrated during the acrimonious hearing, he has little but contempt for the legal arguments put forward by the state in support of the contention that Miss Ward was eaten by wild animals. He frequently accused state witnesses of lying, both in their own regard and on orders from others.

Mr Georgiadis is a lawyer whose practice once extended as far north as Aden down to Malawi in the south.

He was the only one of Nairobi's top barristers prepared to take on Mr John Ward's case — which hinges on allegations of a cover-up of his daughter's murder.

"I had no hesitation, although I was aware that some other people were looking over their shoulders," the lawyer told me.

Mr Georgiadis, who does little to disguise his pleasure at his celebrity, added with a grin: "I have always been a thorn in the side of whoever is running this country and I am proud of it. You have to pursue the line of legal right and let the chips fall where they may."

Despite a series of colourful defence briefs stretching back over two decades, Mr Georgiadis also acted as prosecutor for the Attorney-General during a period of British rule and helped convict many terrorists during the Mau Mau insurgency. But he always remained in private practice and in one outstanding case defended the British commander of the notorious Hola detention camp after 11 Mau Mau detainees died during forced labour. The case had serious repercussions for British colonial policy.


Mr Georgiadis: A master of theatrical legal effects.

Like Rumpole, whom he holds in high affection, Mr Georgiadis gives the impression of enjoying nothing more than leading for the defence in a juicy murder. He is happy to reminisce for hours on those he has handled.

During the inquest, Mr Georgiadis's exchanges with the Chief Magistrate, Mr Joseph Mango, have been as acid as any conducted with the bench by John Mortimer's literary creation.

By pressing the alleged cover-up of the murder at every opportunity, the lawyer has increased his unpopularity among sections of the black ruling establishment. But foreign observers believe his work permit will be renewed when it expires next February.

Mr Georgiadis, a past master of theatrical effects, bemoaned the recent fall in Kenyan legal standards, but at the same time he acknowledged that, because of the British tradition, respect for the law is greater than in many Third World countries.

"The courts are run on British lines, but latterly local respect for British precedents is being brushed aside under the philosophy that we now have our own," he explained. "It is a form of inverted pride."

Father's relentless investigation traces daughter's last journey

From Christopher Walker
Nairobi

Julie Ward's last journey began on Sunday, September 2 last year, when she left Nairobi, Kenya's capital, to drive the 150 miles to the game reserve where she intended to photograph the migration of wildebeest as the culmination of a three-month adventure holiday.

With her in her battered, secondhand Suzuki was Mr Glen Burns, a young Australian marine biologist she had recently met in Nairobi. Two young women had intended to join the group, but dropped out.

When Miss Ward and Mr Burns arrived at the Sand River Camp, where they pitched their two tents, they found it buzzing with other foreign campers.

Their troubles began the next day when they drove across the park and the Suzuki broke down. They spent the night of September 3 in two borrowed tents at the Serena Lodge, and the next day Mr Burns flew back to Nairobi to arrange the delivery of a new fuel pump and attend a lecture. He never returned.

Many people at the lodge advised Julie against driving back to Nairobi alone (the vehicle was now fixed, having in fact suffered an electrical fault), but at noon on September 6 she left. She told Mr Stephen Watson, a British tour leader she had befriended at the lodge, that she planned to stay overnight at the campsite, pack the tents and return to the capital the next day.

From that time on her movements become a matter of surmise. Mr John Ward, her father, is still collecting evidence, notably by tracking down 60 of the hundred or so campers at Sand River still unaccounted for. "Needless to say, the police have never tried to find any of them, just as they have dismally failed to produce any forensic evidence," he said.

The daunting task of tracking down the missing witnesses has been complicated because the camp register lists only 15 guests staying at the site between September 5 and 13, whereas records kept by tour companies in Nairobi put the figure at more than a hundred.

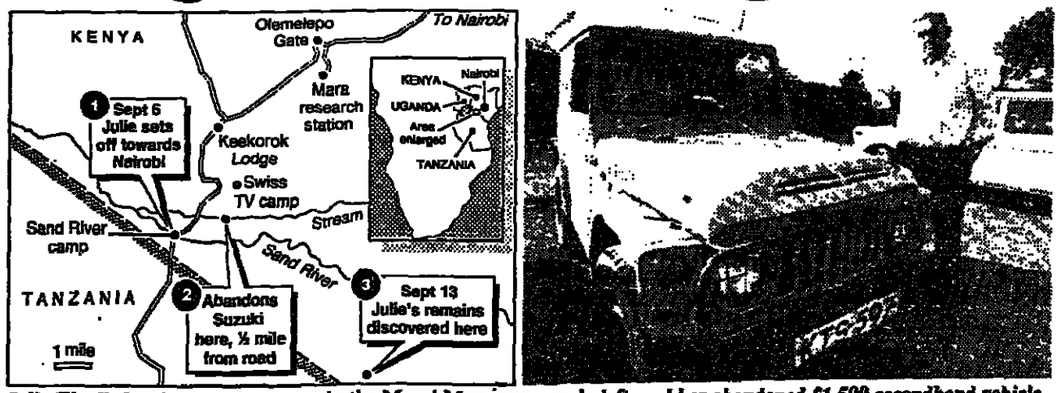
At the inquest into her death, Mr David Nchoko, the revenue clerk at the remote site, admitted nervously to forging the entry in the register showing that Miss Ward left at 2.37pm. Subsequent evidence shows she probably left later in the afternoon, planning to spend the night at Keekorok Lodge on her way to Nairobi.

"The only place he can have obtained the details to carry out the forgery was from the register that she signed on September 2 when she first entered the reserve," Mr Ward said. "We are still hopeful that eventually Nchoko can be persuaded to explain who instructed him to forge the signature and why."

Another unsolved puzzle was why the Kenyan police (who are under firm political control) took a statement from the clerk, cautioned him that he and others unknown were suspects in Miss Ward's death, but never pressed charges.

Also unexplained is why another nervous witness, Police Constable Gerald Karuri, officially the last person to see Miss Ward alive, waited a full 12 days after her remains were discovered before telling the police where he had last seen her.

Mr Ward, who admits he has yet to amass sufficient evidence to secure a conviction (and that, more than 12 months after the event, he may never do so), believes that his daughter was abducted as she drove alone from the camp on the late afternoon of September 6. He is convinced she was then spirited away to a hut in the bush which he and two other reliable witnesses have seen, but which has now been demolished.



Julie Ward's last known movements in the Masai Mara game park, left, and her abandoned £1,500 secondhand vehicle.

About £400, Miss Ward's valuable camera and a telephoto lens have never been recovered, but Mr Ward has come reluctantly to accept that the most likely motive for her being seized was sex, not robbery. "She was probably killed because the bastards did not want to be identified," he said.

The missing hut was located in the region of the isolated Makari rangers' compound (five green huts and a field toilet) where, on September 13 last year, Mr Ward found a button battery similar to that from Miss Ward's missing camera and a tube of toothpaste, later thrown away by Superintendent Machiri Wanjau, who was in charge of the investigation. Mr Ward maintains that rangers in the bush rarely use toothpaste.

The Swiss film unit (whose vital evidence was handed to Mr Joseph Mango, the chief magistrate presiding at the inquest, but not heard in open court because none of its members were prepared to travel to Nairobi to be questioned) was using navigational equipment and was able to pinpoint the hut where the dead woman may have spent her last days.

But, when Mr Ward flew over the spot a few weeks ago, all he could find was a track leading to terrain which appeared to have been flattened.

"What is established beyond doubt is that Julie did not die until the night of September 11, or the day of the twelfth, probably after her abductors were panicked when I launched the first air search for her," Mr Ward said. "There is considerable evidence to show her vehicle did not reach the gulley where it was supposedly stuck until the twelfth."

Corroboration that the Suzuki could not have been where officials claimed it was came in a statement by one of the film crew. Referring to his well-lit camp only 400 yards away (not 2½ miles as Mr Simon Makala, a game warden, told the magistrate), he stated: "From such a short distance, how could Julie not have heard the noise from our camp; human voices, car engines, radio and most of all, the generator? In my opinion, the vehicle could not have been there, at that point, for more than one night."

Those like Mr Berney who asked locally about Julie's fate met an angry refusal to discuss details of the incident. "Like the Mafia," he said in his statement, "the personnel of the park kept the law of silence." None of the 12 members of the film crew was ever questioned by the police.

The Suzuki was inadvertently washed within two days of being discovered, removing what might have been invaluable forensic clues; in addition, much of the clothing discovered with Miss Ward's body was destroyed in "inflammatory tests".

Mr Ward's contention that she was chopped up with a *panga* (machete) after her tormentors panicked and then tried to lay a false trail, was supported by Professor Austin Gresham, the respected Cambridge pathologist, who concluded in his evidence: "It is not possible to state the cause of death, but there is no doubt that the leg and jaw had been cut off the body with an implement."

The theory was also backed by an analysis made by the UK Forensic Science Services Laboratory. "The fact that the proximal ends (those nearer the scalp) had also been cut suggests that the hair, and by inference possibly the skull, had been severed by blows from a bladed instrument, such as that which may have been used to dismember the body," it concluded.

Efforts by Dr Jason Kaviti, Kenya's government-appointed chief pathologist, to alter key words in the damning original pathologist's report prepared by his Egyptian junior only added to the whiff of scandal surrounding the case. His clumsy alterations were designed to bolster the theory that Miss Ward was eaten by animals, the line still favoured by those fearful of the repercussions of a lurid murder case for Kenya's tourist industry, its single largest earner of much-needed foreign currency.

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SIMON BARNES

Three kings came out of the East, and four of them are buried in Germany, declared Luther in the eponymous play by John Osborne. Well, Frank Cobden took three wickets in three balls in 1870, and *four* balls now commemorate the feat. One of them comes up for sale at Christie's, South Kensington, on Monday week. Cobden performed his hat-trick for Cambridge at Lord's when Oxford needed four runs for victory. After this famous deed – the last delivery clean bowled the poor wicket-keeper who had been fortified with brandy and instructed not to lift his bat – Cobden was presented with the match ball. Just to make things a bit more interesting, he was presented with a second match ball as well.

The Christie's ball is suitably inscribed and expected to reach anything up to £800. But the soon-to-be-published *Wisden Book of Cricket Memorabilia* informs us, with admirable lack of sentimentality, about the other 24-carat Cobden balls. A third, bearing an incorrect date, was presented to him by Cambridge University. The fourth was presented to Cobden, not a little confusingly, after an *Eton-Harrow match* four years earlier. But the vexed question is: with which ball did Cobden actually take those three splendid wickets? No one knows: indeed, I hope no one ever does. Cricket *should* have its mysteries.

I wonder how many players will be left on the pitch after today's match between Dunstable and Folkestone of the Beazer Homes League Southern Division. Last Saturday Dunstable, who were losing, had three players sent off in an FA Cup match against Staines Town – the player-manager, Kevin Millett, leading his lads off the pitch into even more trouble – and forfeited the tie. On Tuesday, Folkestone played Redhill, also in the Cup, and had *four* players sent off. What's more, they won, 1-0. Redhill also had a player sent off. The referee was Steve Coffin of Peacehaven.

As Yorkshire County Cricket Club meet to discuss yet another woeful season, and the question of permitting non-Yorkshiremen into the team raises its comely head once again, the stubborn gentlemen should reflect on the one that got away. Gary Sobers once played for Yorkshire – in 1964, against Bermuda as it happens. (They can't find the stats for the match so I can't tell you how he got on.) At the time Sobers was being chased by Lancashire and Nottinghamshire, which he later joined, but delayed his decision as long as he could because he had a great fancy for Yorkshire. The call never came, any more than did the revival of Yorkshire fortunes.

BARRY FANTONI



'Must be something to do with biodegradable detergents'

I have received a fascinating letter from David Le Vay, MS, FRCS, apropos a recent item in this space. "It is all very well for Dr Sztajzel to say that sexual relations two hours beforehand measurably impairs strenuous performance on a bicycle and that it takes ten hours to recover, but it does not seem to be appreciated that strenuous performance on a bicycle very *seriously impairs sexual relations* and that *it* may take a good deal longer than ten hours to recover . . . It is all the worse if the rider is overweight and out of practise. And if he tries to relieve the pressure by leaning heavily on the handlebars, he may develop paralysis of the ulnar nerves in the hands. I am, of course, speaking of men and (in my own case) a tricycle."

All those who had previously thought of the tricycle as *the* sexy mode of transport had perhaps better think again.

Congratulations to the Soviet women's tennis team for winning the elegance award in the Federation Cup in Tokyo last Sunday. The players took part in the opening ceremony in miniskirts, denim jackets (each of which bore the Cyrillic inscription *CCCP*) and black sunglasses. The spectators voted for the award, generously putting them ahead of the Japanese, who wore Western-style outfits with big white hats. Poland were third, but I am happy to say that I have no information as to what the Polish ladies chose to wear.

The gift of a pair of red *wellingtons to Neil* Kinnock at Labour's conference this week raised the spectre of a Green-Red Wellie section within the party. Is Labour embarking on a major shift of emphasis, or is it merely latching on to the political potential of environmentalist opinion?

The package of environmental measures approved by delegates included a ministry for environmental protection, a selective ban on the toxic waste trade and energy recycling. They promised to reverse water privatization and called for land of environmental value or natural beauty to be taken back into public ownership. Speakers criticized the party for its insufficiently pro-environment image, while Jack Cunningham, environment spokesman, pledged a crackdown on pollution and polluters.

Red-Green activists within the party have long argued that Labour represents the true green tradition. This is a claim of complex intellectual pedigree, *harking back to the radical* anarchists who influenced early socialist thinking. Kropotkin, the Russian anarchist, called for a society composed entirely of small, self-sufficient agricultural communes. William Morris left a legacy of belief in handwork

Anna Bramwell on the obstacles to Labour's new cause

When red and green clash

and craft. All supported rural communes, and opposed towns and urban civilization. Their emphasis on freedom and equality still appeals to today's left, although their rejection of the state marks them off sharply from the Labour Party as it developed after 1918.

These values provided an easily understood and persuasive back-up for Marxist belief which rested on difficult theoretical foundations, such as the evils of mass production, worker alienation and the inherently exploitative nature of trade. So socialist Greens are right to point to a tradition that supported decentralization and self-sufficiency long before such ideals became fashionable.

But while it is true that these *small-is-beautiful radicals* opposed urbanization and compulsory education, so did others who did not belong to the socialist tradition. Indeed many of those who rejected the paths of Western capitalist development and progress were firmly on the right. G.K. Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc supported decentralization versus the strong nation state. They believed that the redistribution of land to the peasantry was the only basis for a viable society. Support for the yeoman peasant against the big landowner came from intellectuals such as Herbert Spencer, the libertarian Victorian who opposed socialism and the state.

Matthew Arnold and John Ruskin rooted for rural values as against the town. William Cobbett wanted a self-sufficient peasant agriculture, with home-grown bread and beer replacing shop-bought tea and sugar. But, with their rejection of organized politics, they can hardly be seen as proto Bryan Goulds or Neil *Kinnocks*.

There are as many right-wingers and small-c Conservatives among our ecological ancestors as there are left-wingers. None would have supported the grey depersonalization of the welfare state or the horrors of post-war tower blocks and new towns.

Labour's environmental proposals face two stumbling blocks. The first is that without coercion people are unlikely to lower their standard of living, improved with such effort over the decades in this overcrowded and dreary island. Secondly, the public sector agencies have proved singularly ineffective at their job.

The water authorities have presided benevolently over a hopelessly polluted water supply. The river authorities have over-cleared river banks, destroying wildlife while ignoring chemicals poured into the water. State intervention and subsidy for farmers have led to the dread results we know too well: the treeless prairies and the overdosed fertilizers. Public-sector ownership is not a cure-all.

Not only does the Labour Party have to battle with its centralizing, interventionist heritage, but with its aesthetic image. Ecologists venerate the beautiful and the true. But Labour's image remains hopelessly flawed. It is still that of trade unions and the Black Country. It is concrete new towns. It is the failed social engineering of the high-rise flats.

After all, the rejection of aesthetic values in favour of egalitarianism and the strong state is also deeply rooted in *socialist history*. That does not necessarily separate them from the green movement, because both have ancestors who were, to put it kindly, on the bossy side of politics.

From the 1860s on, scientists began to worry about finite resources and came up with solutions surprisingly similar to those of today's bearers of the disaster message. Their answer was to control and allocate all resources – including labour.

In one proposal, published in 1912, all civilians were to be put into labour battalions to work on the land. Thus basic food would be produced, saving scarce energy. *Human resources* were seen as less scarce and more easily renewable than coal or oil: handy for the planners, tough on the labourers.

The ideal of the trained intellectual who knew best was of course in the air at the time, and the Fabians were its typical product. Even less palatable was the green tendency in the Nazi Party in Germany, where at least two ministers of the Third Reich were fully-fledged ecologists, and where "back to the land" and self-sufficiency was a serious aim of the regime, which also stressed its anti-capitalist beliefs. This is a shadow that has hung over the greens in Germany, and against which they have fought, emphasizing support for the Third World in order to avoid the comparison.

While labour battalions may seem a long way from recycling bottles and banning toxic waste, the hidden assumption is still there, that trained scientific minds are more objective than those of the rest of us and know better what is needed to save the planet from doom. The fact that their prophesies of imminent disaster have been disproved decade after decade does not worry them.

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Marcus Binney puts the case for rebuilding Uppark as it was

A treasure that must live again



After the firemen leave, an 18th century Beauvais tapestry is laid out on the lawn to dry

The ashes had not cooled at Uppark, the 17th century National Trust property in Sussex, before an impassioned debate began as to the ethics of restoring it. Given the shock and scale of the tragedy it is understandable that emotions run high, but many of the people who have voiced the strongest opinions have not visited the house since the fire.

Aerial photographs showed the house looking no more than a charred and crumbling shell. The reality is different. First, virtually *all* the contents of the main rooms open to the public were saved, and second, much more of the fabric, decorations and fittings survived than appeared in photographs.

The *fire raged inwards*: Uppark's three main façades, commanding a matchless view across the South Downs, are largely intact except for the pediment. Brickwork and stonework are miraculously unscorched. Much of the 18th century window glass survived.

Three weeks after the fire you can walk into the great saloon on the south front and stand on the beautifully bleached oak floor. The two magnificent marble chimneypieces survive in pristine condition at either end. Carved and gilded doorcases are virtually intact – so are the plaster wall panels. Humphry Repton's white and gold en suite bookcases are largely undamaged. Only the rich coved ceiling has completely gone.

Martin Drury, the Trust's historic buildings secretary, *points out how Nathaniel* Dance's great portraits of George III and Queen Charlotte can go straight back to their original gilt plaster frames over the chimneypieces, Sir Harry Fetherstonhaugh over the central door and the Batonis, Zuccarellis and Giordanos around the rest of the walls. This is what some people, not having taken the trouble to see for themselves, are pleased to call a fake or a sham.

The saving of the contents of the main rooms speaks wonders for the National Trust's staff and volunteers – and the cool professionalism of the firemen. In the best country house tradition, *a human chain was formed, not* to ferry water to the house (the fire engineers were blasting away with their hoses) but to whisk every item of porcelain, every book, to safety. By the time Martin Drury arrived at 6.30, every piece had been neatly stowed away in the stables. The major loss was of all the contents of the family rooms on the first floor, which the Trust's staff had first rushed to save, only to find the fire had taken too much of a hold for anyone to remain.

Of course there was some furniture too large or difficult to move but even here items thought lost have subsequently been salvaged. At 2.30am the Prince Regent's state bed was surrounded by glowing embers, evidently destined to be consumed before dawn, but the next morning it was still there and was rapidly dismantled by the firemen and passed piece by piece through the window. Unbelievably, the upholstery of the tester and back are still in good condition and the baroque red silk and applied crewell work as bright and fresh as ever.

One of the glories of Uppark were the wonderful 18th century textiles – preserved by Lady Meade-Fetherstonhaugh and a court of ladies from the 1930s onwards in one of the first and most elaborate exercises in textile conservation ever undertaken. Thankfully the larger part of this unique collection was rescued. Rare chandelier tassels have been found in the debris and, one must hope,, enough glass pendants to reconstruct all three George III London cut glass chandeliers. Each day brings new discoveries.

English Heritage promptly loaned a team of eight archaeologists who, with the experience *gained from the fire at Hampton* Court, carefully packed the debris into hundreds of numbered dustbins. The Trust's archaeologist ordered hundreds of bakers' trays to store every fragment of plasterwork and joinery.

Perhaps the most symbolic rescue was the original Sun Insurance plaque. Today the National Trust has a "fleet" insurance *policy with Sun Alliance* for all its houses, providing for full reinstatement after fire. There is no ceiling for individual houses. This means that all the panelling and plasterwork can be replaced.

Just such an exercise has recently been completed at Cullen House in Banffshire where insurance policies covered the complete reconstruction of the magnificent Victorian library, with shelving for 15,000 books, the renewal of all the elaborate ceiling plasterwork, and the stonework of the richly carved baronial dormers. Cullen today is an inspiring example of the way determination, patience and craftsmanship can overcome the most disastrous fire.

Yet there have been calls for the Trust not to restore Uppark, but to demolish the shell or rebuild it internally as a series of modern museum rooms, designed perhaps in an adventurous contemporary idiom. Under the terms of the Trust's policy to adopt these alternatives would simply mean forfeiting the insurance money. It is available for reinstatement, not for other purposes or properties.

The idea that a careful reconstruction is some kind of fake or sham is nonsense. The world would be a poorer place if the Russians had not restored the bombed-out palaces around Leningrad, if the Poles had not rebuilt the historic centre of Warsaw, or the Bavarians meticulously reconstructed the Residenz in Munich and all its *interiors. Go to the beautifully* rebuilt palace at Bruchsal and see the dazzling reconstruction of the Baroque staircase and saloon, with plasterwork as spirited as any in the 18th century, and then experience the letdown of finding that the rest of the palace consists of plain modern rooms.

It is suggested that there is something morally unacceptable in reconstruction – that it *dilutes the real heritage with* replicas. But think of Coleshill, which the Trust decided not to rebuild after a similar fire 35 years ago. Coleshill will be illustrated in every history of English domestic architecture that is ever written, and was as influential in America as in Britain. Yet all that most people will ever see of it is a photograph of the façade and the staircase.

What mattered about Coleshill was not just the original fabric and finishes but the whole design. A reconstructed Coleshill would have given us all an understanding of 17th century architecture forever denied to us. The architecture of the past is not simply weathered surfaces and patina, but design in three dimensions.

A really careful reconstruction such as the Trust can undertake at Uppark sets new standards for understanding every aspect of a building's construction, fitting out, decoration and furnishing. Like it or not, historic buildings are being repaired and done up *all the time. What* we need are the highest standards of craftsmanship. Uppark gives the Trust the opportunity – and the challenge – to show the very best that can be done.

Faced with disaster, we *must* not simply give up. The beauty of the past will survive only if we show equal determination that it shall not disappear before the ravages of all kinds – of the elements, of decay, of pressure from development.

The most sinister aspect of the Uppark debate is the idea that the public at large should not be allowed to see a reconstruction because they might actually enjoy it. For *40 years* architecture has been ruled by a narrow dogma that there can be only one style of our time, that there is only one legitimate way of building. Today there is a new plurality – a choice between High Tech, Post-Modern, Classical Revival, the new Vernacular, between conservation and, on occasion, reconstruction or replica. It has taken years of struggle to win this choice which enriches our whole quality of life. The purists must not be allowed to erode it now.

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Fat cats with claws out

Washington

From all the talk of "class warfare" around Washington and in the American press, you *would think* that tumbrils were rolling down Pennsylvania Avenue and someone had erected a guillotine on Capitol Hill. The accusation is that the Democrats are – *mistakenly* – waging class war on President Bush's proposal to cut capital gains tax on the sale of assets, such as shares.

No one disputes the basic statistic that most of the benefit would go to those earning more than $200,000 a year. Only a few zealots dispute that after a brief burst of revenue, this will add billions to America's yawning government deficit. The argument is whether such a carrot will tempt the rich to heroic feats of savings, investment, entrepreneurship and other Thatcherite behaviour that will make it worthwhile.

The consensus is that the Democratic leadership made a big mistake by framing the issue in terms of the rich versus the middle class. Invidious rhetoric doesn't pay in this country, it is said, or it hasn't since the Depression. People are concerned about enlarging the pie, rather than about how it is sliced.

"The Democratic leadership believes in redistributing the wealth," charges House Republican leader Robert Michel. No: it is Michel's side that favours redistributing the wealth – upwards. To describe this as class warfare is rhetorical overkill. It was started by the Republicans, and the press has fallen for it.

Is the great American middle class really ready to do "a far, far better thing" and sacrifice itself on behalf of the wealthy, ostensibly for the good of the country? A poll conducted almost simultaneously with the House vote showed that when offered the choice between lower capital gains tax and the Democratic leadership's alternative of expanded deductibility for middle-class retirement savings, voters chose the latter by 60 per cent to 27 per cent.

Even Republicans preferred the Democratic alternative, 55 per cent to 34 per cent. The Democratic loss in the House, and probable loss in the Senate, has other explanations. Most of the Democrats who gave Bush his majority in the House were motivated by concerns other than further enriching the rich.

Most notably, the Bill would restore the unjustified special tax concession for the timber industry. Capital gains is a classic special-interest lobbying issue, in which the beneficiaries are few, but well organized, while the losers are many but diffuse and largely ignorant.

It may be that, in general, people mistakenly see a capital gains tax cut as a recipe for economic growth. *Or it may* be that the people who contact congressmen on this issue are not a cross-section of America. "The people I've been hearing from on this", said Representative Ben Jones (Democrat, Georgia), "are not the country club people. They're . . . small farmers, timber interests and people with a little bit of real estate."

Politicians' traditional solicitude for "small" farmers and businessmen (most of them actually quite affluent) is especially touching in this case, since a cut in capital gains tax is of use to them only when they sell out – when they stop being small farmers and businessmen.

You don't have to go back half a century to the Depression to find a successful class-based political initiative in America. How about the 1988 campaign that elected George Bush? It was a brilliant exercise in stirring up class resentment against eastern élitists, Harvard graduates and so on – especially impressive since the putative candidate of the masses was a second-generation graduate of Andover and Yale. Bush and company like to turn this sneery, divisive, populist stuff on and off at their own convenience, but there is no reason for the other side to oblige.

The Republican hypocrisy about class war has another aspect. Political writer Thomas Byrne Edsall has analysed the Republican domination of presidential politics as the replacement of the old Democratic "bottom up" majority by a new "top down" majority. The Republicans have consciously worked at breaking the political bond between the middle class and the poor and near-poor.

It is hardly demagogic for the Democrats to note in response that the interests of people making more than $200,000 and those making less than $200,000 do not always coincide. Income distribution in America is becoming more unequal, and the growth in inequality is greater after tax. Why shouldn't an opposition party agitate about that?

Of course, class war should be waged intelligently. The Democrats' counter-proposals included raising the top rate of income tax on those earning over $200,000 from 28 per cent to 33 per cent. Reasonable enough, but this violated the Democrats' sensible resolve, after eight years of successful Republican demagoguery, not to go first with any tax increase proposal. Several Democratic congressmen voted against their own party to avoid being tarred by opponents next year as tax-raisers.

Yes, it has come to that. The American attitude towards financing its government is now so juvenile and short-sighted that politicians are not only afraid to endorse any tax increase, no matter how reasonable, but afraid to stand in the way of any tax cut, no matter how absurd.

As the House Speaker, Tom Foley, said to *Time* magazine, if taxpayers are told a proposed cut in capital gains tax is worth $25,000 to Donald Trump and $10 to them, they will say: "Fine. Give me my $10."

Hard graft on a shoestring safari

I confess that during Mr Kinnock's speech at Brighton this week, I slept. It was during the extended passage on waste incineration *in the Nordic countries*, and no more than a light, brief doze – but it took me far from the conference hall, to a more carefree time and place, three weeks ago, in Kenya.

We were *trying to get from* Nairobi to Moshi (in Tanzania) – less than 200 miles, but not an easy journey. Only one operator ran the route, the "Cat Bus Company Ltd – *Nairobi-Dar Es Salaam, Mon, Wed, Fri – 200 shillings.*" We were at the bus station prompt for 9am.

The Cat bus was waiting. An ancient vehicle with bald tyres, this Cat had used up most of its *nine lives already, in episodes* to which dented tin, smashed stoplights and fenders torn away were now the only evidence.

We boarded. Nobody seemed interested in our tickets and the bus was half empty. Concern focused on the cargo. Sacks of *what appeared to be translucent*, pink, plastic women's shoes were being stowed into the holds.

By 10 we had still not moved. The holds were full, now, to bursting, and loading operations had transferred to the roof. Scores more sacks of the same pink shoes passed our windows, heading upwards.

By 11 the roof could bear no more. Now the shoes began to come inside, lining the gangway three sacks deep, until it was only possible to move down the bus by hopping forward in a crouched position, like miners in a narrow seam. "Perhaps", one thought, "we have enough shoes, now?"

No. Twenty more sacks were heaved and dragged in, taking the place of absent passengers, the empty seats being piled high with sacks, pink plastic peeping out from every hole. The other passengers, all Africans, took this in a spirit of amused resignation.

At midday we moved. But not for long. Just outside Nairobi the Cat encountered a police roadblock – now a routine part of African travel. Half an hour later we were still there, our fat driver (who wore slippers and a sort of fez) deep in conversation with the senior police officer behind an



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upturned, gutted truck. As they strode back, I saw a hefty wad of shilling notes pass from the driver's to the policeman's hand. We were waved on.

Outside our windows, giraffe gazed mildly as we passed, unaware, perhaps, of our strange cargo. "This isn't a game reserve," I said to an African passenger beside me. "Why haven't they been eaten?"

"Giraffe no use to anyone," he replied. "Meat not good, skin not good."

The next roadblock was more easily negotiated. The fat driver's even fatter wife joined the negotiations, with funds of her own, and we were soon on our way again. New herds of giraffe observed our passage. "Giraffe!" said the black lady over the gangway to me, helpfully: "Delicious! Very nice cooking."

At last we reached the Tanzanian border post, and were there for six hours. The Tanzanian shilling has devalued to one tenth of the Kenyan shilling, so wads of notes became suitcases. Negotiations were protracted and even our African fellow passengers – who were waking up to the fact that we were all just human hostages in a transnational *import-export business* in pink plastic shoes – grew restless. The sun set and the mosquitos came out.

Finally, the fat man came out of the office doing a little shuffling dance as he rejoined his bus. On we went, into the night.

Tanzania is still dominated by the presiding spirit of ex-President Julius Nyerere. Nyerere had many of the qualities of a saint: courage, personal integrity and intellectual folly. His ideology – "African" or "Village" socialism – was that each small community should share and unite to achieve self-sufficiency in the essential things of life.

It is good to know that, at the police check at the first Tanzanian village we passed during that cool African night, we helped a small community achieve self-sufficiency for perhaps a century in pink, plastic women's shoes.

Haemorrhaging footwear and 100 shilling notes in all directions, our Cat rolled on through the night towards the coast. We left it at Moshi. I was wondering whether it ever reached Dar when I awoke, to hear Mr Kinnock explaining the need for more generous aid to stricken, sub-Saharan Africa.

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THE PEOPLE'S FLAG?

"Then raise the scarlet banner high!
Within its shade we'll live or die.
Tho' cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here".

It is exactly a hundred years since James Connell wrote the words of *The Red Flag*, and they were sung again yesterday, as tradition demanded, at the end of this year's Labour Party conference.

Not everyone sang in tune, and the words were intoned with varying degrees of conviction. The voices of those who think like Tony Benn and Eric Heffer rang out as passionately as ever, but carried a note of bitterness. In their view, the banner has been leached of much of its true colour and socialism has been abandoned. For them, the party has betrayed its principles and become interested in winning elections. "The flickering flames of democracy and representation", Mr Benn said grimly at a fringe meeting, "are being snuffed out in the name of new realism and victory."

Given the party's predilection for casting its leader as St Sebastian, Mr Kinnock survived with only minor flesh wounds, although his opponents will now do their damnedest to make them fester. It is not certain that he is yet out of the wood on defence. His long slow march away from unilateralism was punctuated by too many wistful glances over his left shoulder for the suspicion of opportunism to have been entirely dispelled, and the wrecking motion aimed at carving up to £9 billion out of the country's annual £20 billion defence budget will be thrown at every Labour candidate in the country.

Although the votes went heavily their way, Mr Smith and Mr Gould did not have an easy time persuading delegates that the party's new economic policies were sure-fire election winners. The proposition that capitalism would function better under Labour is inherently improbable — a rare instance of community of view between the far left and the City — and yet the feeling persists that give or take a few bolted-on designer co-ops, this is what the package adds up to. It will take much more than the occasional ritual obeisance to the "vital role" of the market for the party's economic proposals to carry real conviction either internally or on the hustings.

The leadership had to hold its breath on Wednesday afternoon during the debate on union legislation, and there was an occasional glimpse of the cloven hoof, notably when Mr Bill Jordan, the President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union was speaking. In a direct challenge to Mr Arthur Scargill, he asserted that Labour was now a party of law-makers, not law-breakers. "Go and join the Tories", shouted a mocking voice, and the brothers and sisters jeered and booed him as if he were a villain in a Victorian melodrama.

The removal of Mr Ken Livingstone from the national executive will strengthen Mr Kinnock's hand there and do him a certain amount of good electorally, although that could easily be cancelled out by the fiasco over black sections. Waverers in Tunbridge Wells are unlikely to have been won over by yesterday's debate on homosexuality. Mr Kinnock's darkest thoughts of the week, however, were undoubtedly reserved for the members of the Labour Committee on Ireland, who, with an impeccable sense of time and place, made a platform available on the conference fringe so that five years after the Brighton bombings, Mr Gerry Adams could reaffirm his support for the IRA's right to engage in an armed struggle.

Mr Kinnock and his associates are fond of quoting the Italian communist Antonio Gramsci — "pessimism of the intellect, optimism of the will". Possibly that was the spirit that informed Mr Kinnock's speech on Tuesday, but it was, in truth, a hollow performance. The audience rose at the end of it, of course, because the stop-watches were out on the press tables and there was a comparison to be drawn with another standing ovation written in the stars for Blackpool next week. The cameras, meanwhile, sought out Mr Scargill, and found him seated, his features stamped with puritan disdain.

No wheeling, no dealing, Mr Kinnock said. It was one of his more brazen lines, because the fact is that he has already wheeled most prodigiously. The feat deserves some recognition. To turn a team of dray horses through 180 degrees in a narrow street calls for much more than the gift of the gab. It also leaves the drayman facing in a new direction, in this case gazing out rather aimlessly over the fenlands of social democracy.

When a political party ceases to be driven by what it believes and allows itself instead to be drawn by what it judges opportune, it no longer has a star on which to lock its compass. Everything has to be made up as it goes along. A talent for improvization will not alone impress either Mr Kinnock's left wing or the undecided voter. The former will clamour for more heart, the latter for more mind.

Those of Mr Kinnock's colleagues who read political biographies will have shifted uneasily at a passage in Tam Dalyell's recent study of Richard Crossman: "I had the impression that unlike the principled left, he did not ever quite make up his mind whether or not to crawl for office". The main challenge facing the Labour Party between now and the next election is to demonstrate that it has a principled centre.

HOUSES OF LEARNING

The "crisis" over student accommodation recurs each academic year as predictably as the Michaelmas daisy blooms. For this year's 6,000 unhoused teenagers, some of them away from home for the first time, the word crisis may be justified. Institutionally, it is a misnomer for a serious structural inadequacy.

Most universities and polytechnics guarantee accommodation for all first-year students. This makes human and economic sense: there is a pronounced tendency to drop out among first-year students who are not lodged within the campus community. Each year, demand exceeds supply, and administrators claim that they have been caught off-balance by exceptional circumstances. This year they have more justification than usual, because the A-level results were unusually good, but the situation has been similar in years where there was no such excuse.

The solution hardly lies in stressing the sanctity of traditional "ceilings" on student intake — the need for expanded access to higher education is universally agreed. Industry wants 10 per cent more graduates now. The Government is committed to doubling student numbers within 25 years. But it also intends to peg spending on higher education at its current 1.1 per cent of national GDP.

The impact of financial stringency on building programmes has been dramatic. This week's report on England's 29 polytechnics by her Majesty's Inspectors praised them for raising full-time student enrolments by 39 per cent between 1979 and 1987, without corresponding increases in staff or expenditure — a record it pointedly compared with the universities' 3 per cent expansion.

The same report, however, drew attention to the appalling quality of their buildings and equipment, and the serious overcrowding of teaching and staff facilities. Independent estimates put the cost of bringing existing buildings up to standard at £150 million. The universities are better placed, but the Universities' Funding Council still calculates that they need an extra £250 million for major repairs.

Part of the problem is that needs have changed. The traditional landlady's "digs" have become an anachronism, hard to find and also, under legislation which compels students to lease rooms not by the term but for an entire year, expensive. An obvious way out would be to encourage students to attend colleges and universities near home and live with their parents. But this would negate the great cross-pollinating benefit of higher education, fostering a stultifying insularity.

The ideal is on-campus accommodation but, provided students are housed in recognizable communities, the principle need not be sacrosanct. Local authorities which have offered hard-to-let high-rise accommodation have too often met a lukewarm response. There is a case for supplementary grants to make this a cost-effective option.

Many universities have found generous industrial sponsorship for conference halls, laboratories and lecture theatres, but industrialists have resisted suggestions that sponsorship be extended to student accommodation. They should think again: in the battle to raise skills, it could prove a winning investment.

There is still no serious alternative to a building programme. The Government sees more efficient use of resources as the key to wider access to higher education. Campus administrations are responding, but where physical space is in question, the Government — in the interests of efficiency — should acknowledge that no amount of ingenuity can squeeze quarts into pint pots.

WHEN GREEKS JOINED GREEKS

The interim Greek Cabinet of Mr Tzannis Tzannetakis, which resigns today, has given the nation a lesson in political teamwork. A group of deeply divided politicians have shown that they can give their country decent government. Greece's immediate political future is uncertain. But the most likely outcome of the next few days is the formation of a special caretaker Cabinet, which would arrange a general election next month.

In a country that has had no experience of coalitions since the early 1950s and where the communists were denied a role in government for 45 years, the outgoing Conservative-Left Cabinet has set a historic precedent. At one point the coalition was falling apart over the price of bread. At others it had to shelve divisive issues on economic doctrine or the future of American bases. But it agreed that public life in Greece, poisoned by a spate of real or imagined corruption scandals, would never be normal unless the Greeks regained confidence in the propriety of their leaders. A process called catharsis has thus begun.

This week Parliament put the finishing touches to the last of three prosecution cases against six socialist ex-ministers. Mr Andreas Papandreou, the former Prime Minister, faces charges which could put him in jail for the rest of his life. More significant than catharsis, however, have been the measures to deter future corruption and eliminate partisanship in the state administration. Parliament, for instance, will now be able to scrutinize public procurement, all-party committees will screen candidates to head state enterprises and governments will no longer be able to dictate the composition of the courts. Further legislation puts an end to the absolute domination and abuse of state television and radio by governments in power. They will now come under an independent body that no government can dismiss.

The two coalition partners have conflicting interests. New Democracy hopes to win the overall majority that eluded it last June. On the other hand, if the Left Alliance wants to continue playing a major political role, it must make sure that neither of the two big parties wins a clear majority.

So far the communists have resisted the wooing of the socialists. As things stand today they hope to score longer term gains by standing back and watching the socialists suffer another defeat next month. Should such a defeat turn into a debacle, Mr Papandreou could well pull out of politics altogether. Without him, his party would certainly break up. This should create the nucleus of a new middle-of-the-road party whose absence from the Greek political scene has never been felt more deeply than today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

South-east Asia in new perspective

From Mr Raoul Jennar
Sir, For the last 10 years the UN debate on Cambodia has ended with a resolution condemning the Vietnamese intervention and continuing the representation of Cambodia in the General Assembly by the Khmer Rouge, who were expelled from that country by Hanoi's troops.

The departure of these troops — which has been attested by several entities — creates a new situation which could end the impasse caused by the set-back at the Paris conference on Cambodia last August.

It is essential that the final withdrawal of the Vietnamese forces be internationally recognised. The departure of Soviet forces from Afghanistan has been so recognised without any mechanism to verify their withdrawal. In this respect, the member States of the European Community can exert a positive influence.

Taking formal note of the departure of the Vietnamese would, to start with, permit the lifting of the embargo which in effect punishes the poor who have nothing. It would amount to most valuable support for the efforts of Thai Prime Minister, Chatichai Choonhavan, to obtain an immediate cease-fire. Up to now he has acted all too much alone.

Moreover such a stand by Europe — which until now has been scandalously absent from the Cambodia drama — would force renewed discussions, and would end the unholy mechanism of the Paris conference which ended in allowing a resort to arms.

Lastly, such an initiative would help end the disgraceful hypocrisy of awarding the Cambodian seat to the Khmer Rouge who were responsible for one of the genocides of this century. This gives them considerable financial means and a right to veto in the major UN humanitarian agencies.
Yours sincerely,
RAOUL JENNAR
(Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Belgian Senate),
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B5901 Jedoigne, Belgium.

From Mr Eric Ollerenshaw
Sir, Despite your recent excellent coverage of Cambodia and Vietnam's removal of its troops (reports, September 25, 26, 27; October 2, 3) I have been surprised by the lack of comment, either in the press or from politicians, on the fact that one other south-east Asian country, Laos, remains under Vietnamese occupation.

Laos is shackled to Vietnam under a so-called treaty of friendship, signed in 1977, which allows Vietnam to station troops in Laos for 25 years. Indeed it was Pol Pot's refusal to sign such a treaty that provided the excuse for Vietnam's original invasion of Cambodia.

Many of the Vietnamese troops referred to in press reports as moving north out of Cambodia have in fact moved north into Laos, adding to the thousands already stationed in that country.

Laos was an independent and neutral monarchy until May, 1975, when it was overrun by communist guerrilla forces heavily supported by Vietnamese regular troops.

These troops have never left Laos and were instrumental in the creation of the People's Republic of Laos in December, 1975. The situation of that country cannot be regarded as in any way different from that of Cambodia in recent years.

It is important that we get the perspective right on Vietnam's motives and aims in south-east Asia. Withdrawal from one country should not be taken as a return to normal until all Vietnamese troops have actually returned to Vietnam from all occupied countries.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC OLLERENSHAW
(Chairman, Hackney North and Stoke Newington Conservative Association),
Leeson Hall,
18a Furlong Road, N7.
October 4.

NHS budgets

From Mr Richard A. Bailey
Sir, Michael James's letter of October 3 quotes examples which perfectly illustrate why many of the proposals in the Government's White Paper on the NHS will not work, although he puzzlingly comes to the opposite conclusion.

In private companies of any size it is difficult enough to keep overall goals and long-term objectives firmly in mind. The idea that this can be achieved in the National Health Service, a gigantic organisation with (by general admission) totally inadequate information on its costs, by hastily creating a number of partially competitive units is patently unrealistic.

The proposals for primary care are particularly badly flawed in this respect. Practice budget-holders will be asked to balance the costs of drugs and other medical supplies against the cost of running their practices and purchasing a limited range of hospital services.

Other GPs (the majority) will only be asked to account for their drugs bill, but will not be economically accountable for any of the medium or long-term consequences of their prescribing. That such measures can even be contemplated is a testimony to the Government's faith in the professional integrity of doctors, but it ignores economic reality.

Many companies including my own are selling products which offer overall benefits for patients and which in many cases reduce overall health costs, to a system which often seems only able to look at simple material cost comparison. Unfortunately many of the Government's proposals will make this situation worse rather than better.
Yours faithfully,
R. A. BAILEY (Vice President),
Eli Lilly Group Ltd,
Lilly House,
13 Hanover Square, W1.

Arts funding

From Mr Leolin Price, QC
Sir, Mr M. A. Higgins, Chairman of Leicester Theatre Trust, suggests (September 28) that potential commercial sponsors of the theatre (or, presumably, other forms of artistic enterprise) "wish to see their input as a form of partnership with *State subsidy*".

Our current tax arrangements ensure that financial contributions to the civilising arts by companies *and by individuals* can be made out of income which does not bear tax. By forgoing tax on such contributions the Government — and this means the taxpayer — *is contributing to the vitality of the* theatre and other arts to an extent which depends on the success of the individual enterprise in attracting contributions and, of course, on the rate of tax forgone.

No doubt Mr Higgins would prefer to be relieved, *by direct State subsidy*, from the time and effort involved in seeking to raise from companies *and individuals* the support which our tax arrangements now so generously encourage. That would leave him free to concentrate on his artistic work.

Many others would be delighted to get on with their businesses without having to devote time to financial matters, such as the raising of working capital; but they do not write to you to suggest that the taxpayer should relieve them of that ordinary burden of working life!
Yours truly,
LEOLIN PRICE,
10 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
September 29.

Short rations

From Mr Colum Forsyth
Sir, As a complement to a good meal for two people, one bottle of wine (75cl) is insufficient and two bottles too much.

Can anyone explain why a standard bottle of wine is made to contain 75cl (in some cases 70cl) rather than a more obvious and, some would say, more practical, one litre?

Yours faithfully,
COLUM FORSYTH,
2 Lena Gardens, W6.
September 30.

Ambulance pay

From Dr Rodney Owen-Jones
Sir, This morning I attended a cardiac arrest. The two-person ambulance crew was already there. The patient had been intubated, linked up to a cardiac monitor and had cardiac massage from them. I feel that their current low pay and proposed low pay rise are an insult to their skills.
Yours faithfully,
RODNEY OWEN-JONES,
The Surgery,
Ramsbury,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
September 28.

The German question

From Miss Nora Beloff
Sir, Why does *The Times* (leading article, October 4) feel it necessary to support the West German proposition that liberal reforms would stabilise the GDR? The whole of *Ostpolitik* has been conducted on the hypocritical assumption that the communist regimes authentically represent the peoples under their rule. Without condoning dishonesty, this double-talk is easy to explain away as the only means by which the wealthy West Germans can reach and help their compatriots on the other side.

The Times has no such excuse. Its correspondents have repeatedly told us that the communist systems are inherently incapable of producing morally and materially acceptable living standards. Two days ago your correspondent, Richard Bassett, described Yugoslavia as "a nation in the throes of crisis inflicted by more than 40 years of communism".

The East Germans, thanks to West German subsidies, access to EC markets and their own longer industrial experience, have done better; but those in charge still feel it necessary to lock their people up in the communist cage.

Herr Honecker has every reason to believe that the freedom of choice, implicit in any moves towards the democratisation you commend, would release unstoppable demands for the demolition of the Berlin Wall and for incorporation of the GDR into the Federal Republic. The West Germans are understandably reluctant to revive memories of another *Anschluss*. Surely *The Times* should confront realities, even those which have awkward implications?
Sincerely,
NORA BELOFF,
11 Belsize Road, NW6.
October 4.

Working distinctions in the law

From the Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Bar
Sir, In your leading article, "Master of the Rules?" (October 3) you say:

The distinction between case preparation and presentation was raised by the judges in their response to the Green Papers. That apart, it is new to the agenda — it is not an item which the Bar itself originally sought to put forward.

Sadly, this is incorrect. The original response of the Bar, its consultative document and the main reply, *The Quality of Justice*, all emphasised this distinction.

Indeed the Green Paper itself recognised its importance in a criminal context:

Departments would at least need to be able to demonstrate a clear structural separation in the arrangement of the Department of those involved in investigation from those responsible for conducting prosecutions.

The Bar agreed and goes further, as have this Government and Lord Mackay. Various aspects of the importance of the distinction were identified in *The Quality of Justice*. In summary, they come to this:

1. Lord Mackay, in evidence to the Scottish Royal Commission, said: . . . a Supreme Court case merited an independent person to review what a solicitor had found out, and a client in the High Court deserved the judgment of more than one mind.

2. A person carrying out a mixture of functions, undertaking the preparatory work of interviewing clients, correspondence with other parties, conducting discovery of documents and preparing witness statements as well as the advocacy in court, would have less opportunity to keep his advocacy skills in regular use. It was recognised in the Green Papers that continuous practice in advocacy was necessary to the development and maintenance of the skill.

3. The assembling of evidence, both documentary and in the form of witness statements, involves considerable and specialist expertise and requires the maintenance of offices, staff and records behind the scenes which inescapably involves much administration. Barristers are able to concentrate on advocacy and advice to the exclusion of such demands and without acquiring that expertise. Quality, independence, efficiency and speed follow.

4. Direct access by lay clients to barristers would involve barristers in replicating the office facilities and services currently provided by solicitors, with consequent increases in costs, diversion at the expense of court preparation, practice and quality, and reduced competition of real benefit to the lay client.

In *The Times* of the same day, Frances Gibb reports the words of the President of the Law Society that "It is surprising to see a senior judge continue to suggest that the interests of justice require double manning to be enshrined in law".

That old canard was plainly faced and shot in *Quality of Justice* (para.12.45 and 21.34 amongst others). The Chief Justice of the USA has pointed out the fallacy. He sees greater advantages to the lay client and to the administration of justice in our system. The work of preparation by a solicitor and the work of preparation and presentation by an advocate/trial lawyer has to be done in any event, whether done by one lawyer or by two.

The Bar's stance has been that the present dividing lines are fit to be reconsidered and that the interests of justice, whatever they may be in various classes of cases, must prevail over the interests of the lawyers. It is greatly to be welcomed that the Government has recognised in the White Paper that some of the most senior judges must have the final say in what the interests of justice may require, but the Bar recognises that the judges must have the advice of others.
Yours faithfully,
ROGER A. HENDERSON,
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2 Harcourt Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
October 3.

From Mr Stephen J. Hall
Sir, I hope that the Lord Chancellor's resolve will not be deflected by the latest comments of the Master of the Rolls designed to preserve the monopoly of the Bar. Lord Donaldson has been consistent in his apparent total opposition to change but I find his latest suggestions made to the Bar conference last weekend (report, October 2) both contrived and unrealistic.

They are contrived because the principle of the interests of justice is used to draw a demarcation line between the functions of barristers and solicitors in a way which does not reflect the often blurred distinction between them in practice. Barristers already undertake preparation work in any event both in conference and on telephone. (What is wrong with that?)

They are also unrealistic because they overlook the plain fact that solicitor-advocates have for years undertaken a substantial part of matrimonial, criminal and child welfare cases, which should only be undertaken by advocates who operate in isolation. Taken across the board, they would have the alarming result of solicitor-advocates, who undertake a large portion of advocacy work, seemingly being disqualified from doing so.

Those who are opposed to change should, I think, say why it is that solicitor-advocates of appropriate experience and calling should not be able to apply *independence of judgment and* impartiality in the care of cases just as much as barristers are required to do.
Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN J. HALL,
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221 High Street,
Lewes,
East Sussex.
October 3.

Set-aside and wildlife

From Mr Henry A. Edmunds
Sir, May I endorse the views on the value of set-aside land expressed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (September 29).

As the owner of several hundred acres of set-aside, I can report on the benefit to wildlife. This year, here on the Wiltshire-Hampshire borders, the hares multiplied, thriving in the coarse grasses of the set-aside fields. Goldfinches gathered on the grey thistle heads, lightening the sombre russet of the drying grasses with the golden flashes of their open wings.

A veritable chorus of skylarks cheered this tiring peasant on long-drawn summer days. Bubbling quail and chirping partridge gave solace in the hazel-nut browning grasses of a mellow autumn. Field voles dined well from the harvest of weed seeds. Harvest mice have spun their nests in the volunteer cereals, relics of the last crop.

This year, for probably the first time since the Iron Age, this land has not felt the heavy hand of man. Now the harvest mice have only the short-eared owl to fear as he quarters the fields on silent tawny wings.

Is this mismanagement? Surely the mismanagement lies in a system that led to the ruined countryside of today and the vast expensive surpluses that nobody wants.

It is the urge to cultivate that must be curbed. Give this new wilderness the understanding it deserves.
Yours faithfully,
HENRY A. EDMUNDS,
The Estate Office,
Cholderton Estate,
nr Salisbury, Wiltshire.
September 29.

Rural housing

From Mr James May
Sir, Much has been said and written recently of the need to provide "affordable" local housing, especially in those rural areas where holiday homes and retirement are strong factors in the housing market.

I believe that a precedent exists, one of some 40 years' standing, that may assist. When a farmer needs a new house on his farm for himself or a worker, planning permission will be granted subject to an agricultural occupancy condition — i.e., occupation of the house is restricted legally to "persons employed or last employed in agriculture in the locality".

By deleting the words "in agriculture" it would be possible for local planning authorities to grant permission for local housing for local needs. Such conditions, and the analogous Section 52 planning agreements and restrictive covenants, are not immutable. Procedures exist to ensure that, as circumstances change, their continued existence may be reviewed with a view to modification or discharge.
Yours faithfully,
JAMES MAY,
5 Parke Road,
Barnes, SW13.
September 25.

Training for heads

From Dr Donald B. Clutton
Sir, The Principal of Wakefield District College (September 25) wants education to be determined by the actual changing needs of the "real" world. Whatever can this mean? Is it not possible that such changes may not be desirable ones? Are not schools in the "real" world? May not the aims of education, in a world of rapid change, continue to be the traditional, *unchanging* ones of producing knowledgeable, intelligent people? Is this not the best way of preparing the young to cope with change?
Yours faithfully,
DONALD B. CLUTTON
(Head of History),
Hopeman House,
Gordonstoun School,
Elgin, Morayshire.

Ancestral steps

From Mrs P. J. Harvey-Piper
Sir, From October 1 to November 3 this year we have a situation in our family whereby great-grandmother is 90 years old, grandmother is 60, mother is 30 and daughter is 0.

Maybe a slightly speedier family has a 75, 50, 25, 0 situation, or perhaps a really energetic family could be respectively aged 80, 60, 40, 20, 0.

Any contenders?
Yours faithfully,
PENNI HARVEY-PIPER,
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October 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 6: Brigadier R W Morris (Representative Honorary Colonel of the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps) and Mrs Morris had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma at the Memorial Service for Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Peter Coni at the Memorial Service for Mr Thomas Keller which was held in St Peter's Church, Zurich this afternoon.

The Duke of York, Trustee, this evening attended the 10th Anniversary Dinner of the Friends of Lakefield College School at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, London W1.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended receptions in Edinburgh at the New Club and at the Dominion Theatre.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) and was attended by Major William McLean.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 6: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, held a meeting with members of Business in the Community which was followed by a luncheon at the palace of Holyroodhouse.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Guy Salter, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited Up Hatherley, Cheltenham and was received at Staverton Airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Her Royal Highness was present at a Service at the Church of St Philip and St James during the Parish Preaching Mission.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Cief, The Royal Army Educational Corps, this evening attended the Officers' Annual Dinner at Eltham Palace, London SE9.

Mrs Howard Page and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Major Nicholas Barne at the memorial Service for Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock which was held in the Guards Chapel today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 6: The Duke of Kent arrived at Royal Air Force Marham, Norfolk this afternoon from Finland.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain the Honourable Christopher Knollys at the Memorial Service for Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock which was held in the Guards Chapel, today.

Service luncheon

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment
Brigadier M.J. Doyle presided at a ladies luncheon given by The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Officers' Club yesterday at Clandon Park, Surrey.

Clifford Longley

A basic lesson from the Pope

While he was in Rome courting the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury had *the extraordinary experience of seeing* himself upstaged by himself, by the publication of a controversial interview he gave to the *Director* magazine. So "Runcie attacks Thatcher" headlines knocked "Runcie woos Pope" headlines off the front pages just when he least wanted them to.

They look like two quite different issues. But there is an important connection between them. If among the papers Dr Robert Runcie brought back from the Vatican there was a social encyclical or two, then perhaps he has seen the link himself.

A social encyclical is a papal document setting out what Catholics call "social teaching", which refers to authoritative theological commentary on political and economic affairs. "Social teaching" is what Dr Runcie was up to himself in his *Director interview, though* the theology was more Anglican than rigorous.

While in Rome he repeated his call, this time in the presence of the Pope himself, for the Bishop of Rome to become the father-figure of world Christianity under the heading of "universal primacy". He insisted it had nothing to do with supplanting The Queen's role in the Church of England, but was a plea for moral leadership *crossing denominational boundaries.*

The Pope sometimes made declarations on issues touching the Christian faith, he explained, which were not only of interest to Roman Catholics. It was not clear what Dr Runcie thinks is stopping people paying attention to the Pope already, but if he wants to help the process along, all he has to do is to set an example.

He could do worse than start with the *social encyclicals. They represent a* continuous tradition of analysis going back centuries, each one building on the last, and setting out how societies could best organize themselves economically and politically for the greater good, under the insights of faith.

They are the firm theoretical bedrock, for instance, beneath the Solidarity movement in Poland — solidarity is itself a key word in Catholic social teaching.

The Christian Democrats in the European Parliament, who have been holding the British Tory MEPs at arm's *length for reasons which should interest* Dr Runcie, have the social encyclicals as a key element in their basic philosophy.

And if anyone doubts that Catholic social teaching can influence continents they have only to look to South America, where the church is busy acting as midwife to fundamental political change.

There is no equivalent in Anglicanism. Such theology as there was in the famous report "Faith in the City" was, by general *consent, bland and vague. Dr Runcie's Director* interview was a good deal tougher, but it lacked the armour-piercing power of rigorous analysis from clear first principles. And because its theological basis was understated, the archbishop inevitably left himself open *to the counter-attack.*

His grim view of the present state of British society may be more Christian than the Government's optimistic one. The Government, the most theologically minded administration Britain has had since the war, does not agree. The conflict may be fascinating — but who is to say who is right, or how even to decide? There is no genuine theological debate, because there is no agreed and *available theological method for con*ducting it. When two theologically minded enterprises cannot find a com

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mon language to talk to each other, something has gone wrong.

So this might be just the point to introduce a touch of the "universal primacy" whose teachings, Dr Runcie declared in Rome, should be accessible to all. In fact the lead he has called for has *already been given, page after page of it,* by pope after pope. And some of it is brilliant stuff. The present pope is in his element in this sphere; he is a world-class philosopher, which is one of the main reasons he was elected pope. His encyclical *Laborem Exercens,* for in*stance, had a great deal to say concerning* the creation and distribution of wealth, about which church and government get so touchy. It is even possible that Dr Runcie and Mrs Thatcher could at last find common ground under such a papal umbrella, and their public dialogue *would lose that frustrating sense of cross*purposes which has been its tone so far.

Two principles run through Catholic social teaching, solidarity and subsidiarity. The meaning of the former is clearer than the latter, though it is not quite the meaning with which the British will have come across before, in the jargon of old fashioned trades unionism. Solidarity describes the duties members of the community — any community — owe to each other.

The idea that individuals have natural duties towards each other is one that both sides can accept: whether one calls that collection of individuals bonded by solidarity "society" or not is a matter of mere sociological semantics.

Solidarity may be expressed by having a *Government, to represent the totality* of those with duties towards one another, and to discharge those duties more efficiently and conveniently. But it keeps Government in its proper place, as a means rather than an end. And the other principle, subsidiarity, is a powerful warning not to go too far. It is firmly against "big Government".

The subsidiarity principle is subtle. It says the decisions affecting people's lives *should be made as far down the chain of* command as possible, as close to the people concerned as possible — by the people concerned if possible. Could any Anglican disagree? But is that not one of the tenets of basic Thatcherism?

As ideas, solidarity and subsidiarity *are powerful tools of analysis.* In practice, they are powerful allies for social reform. But they are not logical opposites as are individualism and collectivism, for they can and should be complementary. A community where they are not in equilibrium will be a troubled one. But design it so they balance, and the good is maximized, the bad minimized. Subsidiarity speaks for personal freedom, solidarity for mutual caring.

The theory says you can have both, if you get the combination right.

It would be even more interesting if the vast British experience of social and political life, once it had learnt how to express itself in these philosophical *terms, could begin to feed back its own* wisdom into the formation of new social teaching, for the benefit of others. If there is nothing exclusively Roman Catholic about its appeal, as Dr Runcie seemed to be suggesting in Rome, there need be nothing exclusively Roman Catholic about its sources either. Anyone can join in, once they grasp the principles.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, Reading, 1573; Niels Bohr, atomic physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1885.
DEATHS: Giovanni Guarini, poet, Venice, 1612; Edgar Allan Poe, Baltimore, Maryland, 1849; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1894; Matilda Alice Wood, known as Marie Lloyd, music hall singer, London, 1922; Harvey Cushing, pioneedr of neuro-surgery, New Haven, Connecticut, 1939.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: Heinrich Schütz, composer, Köstritz, Germany, 1585; Montagu Corry, 1st Baron Rowton, political and founder of the Rowton Houses, London, 1838; John Cowper Powys, novelist, Shirley, Derbyshire, 1872; Eddie Rickenbacker, American fighter pilot in World War I, Columbus, Ohio, 1890; Juan Peron, president of Argentina, 1946-55, 1973-74, Buenos Aires, 1895.

DEATHS: Cola di Rienzi, revolutionary, Rome, 1354; Henry Fielding, novelist, Lisbon, 1754; Vittorio Alfieri, poet, Florence, 1803; Sir John Monash, general and engineer, Melbourne, 1931; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, London, 1953. Clement Attlee, 1st Earl Attlee, prime minister 1945-51, London, 1967.

Memorial services

The Countess of Brecknock
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Countess Mountbatten of Burma at a memorial service for the Countess of Brecknock held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys.

The Rev J.A. Barrie, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated and the Bishop of Winchester pronounced the blessing. The Earl of Brecknock, grandson, read the lesson and Major-General P.R. Leuchars gave an address. The Rev C.M. Hubbard and Canon John Bown were robed and in the sanctuary. Others present included:

Marquess Camden (son), Lady Samantha Pratt (granddaughter), Lord Brabourne, Lord Romsey, the Hon Timothy Knatchbull, Mr David Hicks, Mr Ashley Hicks, Sir Harold and Lady Cassel.

Pamela Marchioness of Huntly, Viscount Ramsden, Viscount Oswald, Viscountess Camrose, Lord Roderic Pratt, Lord Grey of Naunton (Lord Prior of St John) and Lady Grey, Margaret Lady Grettton, Lord and Lady Northbrook, Lady Farnham, Lady Serena James, Lady Moyra Browne, the Hon Mrs Leuchars, Sir Anthony and Lady Havelock-Allan, Sir John Younger, Sir Hamish Forbes, Lady Cunynghame, Lady Whitmore, Sir David Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Mitchell, Sir Nigel Strutt, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Hawkings, Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, Sir Maurice and Lady Dorman, Dr Alan Glyn, and Lady Rosula Glyn, Captain Michael and Lady Neil Boyle.

Mrs Harold Phillips (chief president, St John Ambulance) with Mr Robert Balchin (director-general), Mrs Stewart Roberts (superintendent-in-chief designate), the Hon Lady Smith-Ryland (county president, Warwickshire), Sylvia Lady Wilkinson (Order of St John Musical Society), Dame Anne Bryans (Red Cross and St John Service Hospitals Welfare), Dr J Riley and Mrs Riley (national vice-chairman, St John Fellowship) and Mr Barry Theobald-Hicks (chairman, St John Historical Society) and other regional representatives.

Mr Douglas Meggitt-Douglas Scott (Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund), Mrs F Sheldon (Winchester Health Authority), Mr Russell Gynn and Mrs Gynn (president, English Guernsey Cattle Society), Mr John Baddeley (Speechly Bircham), Mrs Richard Deane (Test Valley branch, NAAFAS), Mr Stephen Swan (farm foreman, Wherwell Estate) with other estate workers, Major-General Desmond Gordon, Professor Anthony Meiklem, Mr and Mrs Robin Cadbury, Mrs A Finlaison, Colonel and Mrs E Reading, Vice-Admiral Peter Dick, Mr Mark Schreiber, Mr George Baker, Mrs Leopold Lonsdale, Mr and Mrs Christopher Fagan, Mr Jamie Fagan and Mr Richard Jukes.



Mr John Major, the Foreign Secretary, reading the lesson at a memorial service for Mrs Patrick McCarthy, mother of the Lebanon hostage, Mr John McCarthy.

Mrs Patrick McCarthy
The Archbishop of Canterbury led the prayers at a memorial service for Mrs Patrick (Sheila) McCarthy held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated.

Mr John Major, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mr Patrick McCarthy, husband, read the lessons. Sir Edward Pickering, Master of the Guild of St Bride, read from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. The Rev Paul Harwood Jones gave an address.

Mr Harry Worth
A service of thanksgiving for Mr Harry Worth was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. The Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, officiated, assisted by the Rev Stephen Oliver. Mr Vince Powell read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran.

Mr Bill Cotton read the lesson. Mr John Ammonds, Sir Harry Secombe and Mr Eric Vick gave addresses. The Grimethorpe Colliery Band, conducted by Lieuteannt-Colonel Frank Renton, RA, and introduced by Mr Mike Craig, BBC Light Entertainment, Radio, played during the service.

Marriages

***Malcolm Colquhoun, yr of Luss* and Miss K.A.H. Mears**
A service of blessing was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church after the marriage of Malcolm Colquhoun, yr of Luss, son of Sir Ivar and Lady of Luss, of Dunbartonshire, to Miss Katharine Mears, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Mears, of Canberra, Australia. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

Mr T. Ramm and Miss M. Richards
The marriage took place on Friday, October 6, in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, of Mr Timothy Ramm, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Ramm, and Miss Miranda Richards, only daughter of Sir John and Lady Richards. Canon Anthony Caesar officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Henrietta Whitbread. Lieutenant Andrew Lefever was best man. The reception was held in the State Apartments and the honeymoon is being spent in the Caribbean.

Mr P.E. Shirley and Miss A.M.R. Southern
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 30, at the Priory Church, Edington, of Mr Philip Shirley, son of Major and Mrs John Shirley, and Augusta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugo Southern. The Revd Humphrey Southern, brother of the bride, officiated, assisted by the Revd Neil Heavisides and Canon Ralph Dudley.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Southern. Mr Hugh Shirley, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.G.B. Bird and Miss K.L. Hession
The engagement is announced between *Simon Godric Bertie,* eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bird, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Katrina Louise, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs R.W. Hession, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr N.M. Bloom and Miss F.J. Hornor
The engagement is announced between Nigel Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bloom, of Kimberley Home Farm, Wymondham, Norfolk, and Flavia Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Hornor, of The Porch House, Brooke, Norfolk.

Mr G.A.J. de Lotbinière and Miss V.J. Levett-Scrivener
The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael de Lotbinière, of Rougham House, Suffolk, and Veronica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Levett-Scrivener, of Sibton Abbey, Peasenhall, Suffolk.

Mr B.E. Jones and Miss A. de Greef
Mr and Mrs Kees de Greef, of Templeton, Devon, (formerly of The Grange, Brinton) have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their middle daughter *Anita, to Ben, only son of Mr* and Mrs Edwin Jones, of Pereers Lodge, Holt, Norfolk.

Mr A.A.G. Wrixon and Miss S.M.E. Joyce
The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Wrixon, of Norton Canon, Herefordshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr I.P.R. Joyce, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Mrs A.E.L. Joyce, of Hampton Court, Surrey.

Dinner

Engineers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Engineers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr G.A. Lee, Master, the Lord Mayor, General Sir George Cooper and Mr Alderman F. McWilliams, Senior Warden, were the speakers.

Mr J.R. Tovell

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Rowland Tovell, FCA, will be held at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London WC1, on Friday, November 24, 1989 at noon. Would those wishing to attend please notify Miss M Greville, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal, as Patron of the British Nutrition Foundation, will visit the foundation's conference for teachers of nutrition at Exeter Court Hotel, Kenford, at 9.45; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop, 17 Paris Street, Exeter, at 11.40; and, as President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will present the Annual Tribute Award at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 8.00.

TOMORROW: Princess Margaret, Patron of the Halle Concerts Society, will attend a performance by the Halle Orchestra at Henbury Hall, Macclesfield, at 7.25.

Service dinners

HAC Mess Club
Colonel and Alderman Sir Greville Spratt, President of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club, presided at a dinner held last night at Armoury House. Major-General A.P.W. MacLellan was the guest speaker and Captain R.B. Tiley also spoke.

RN Navigating and Direction Branch
Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Officers of the Royal Navy Navigating and Direction Branch held last night in HMS Dryad. Admiral Sir Derek Reffell presided. Vice-Admirals Sir Alan Grose and B.N. Wilson and Rear-Admiral D.M. Eckersely-Maslin were among those present.

RAEC
The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Educational Corps, attended the annual dinner held last night at Eltham Palace. Major-General A.J. Trythall, Representative Colonel Commandant, presided. Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Jones, Colonel Commandant, and Major-General J.S. Lee, Director of Army Education, were among others present.

RNVR Officers' Association
Admiral Sir Peter Stanford, President of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers' Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the RN College, Greenwich. Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, and Lady Black and Mr Norris McWhirter were the principal guests. Admiral Sir Brian Brown, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord, and Lady Brown were also present.

RAF Innsworth
Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones, Air Member for Personnel, and Lady Jones were the guests of honour at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at RAF Innsworth. Air Vice-Marshal R.J. Honey presided.

Minerva Society
Air Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, *Air Member for Supply and* Organisation, Ministry of Defence, was the guest of honour at a Minerva Society dinner held *last night* at RAF Henlow. Group Captain S.M. Williamson-Noble presided.

OBITUARIES

MILTON GOLDMAN

Agent and friend of Broadway's stars

Milton Goldman, probably *the best known* theatrical agent in New York, died in his sleep on October 4 of apparent heart failure at his home in Manhattan. He was 75.

He had retired for the night after attending the opening night gala of the Martha Graham Dance Company and the party afterwards. *Goldman was President of* Miss Graham's Center for Contemporary Dance. Also, at his death he was Vice President of International Creative Management, the world-wide theatre agency.

Goldman had begun his career at A & S Lyons, which handled Broadway actors, before forming his own company in *1955.* Two years *later* he was bought out by another agency, which later became ICM. He was the personal manager of some of the theatre's biggest stars, including Lord Olivier, Sir John Gielgud, Helen Hayes, Mary Martin, Derek Jacobi, Vanessa Redgrave, Meryl Streep and Faye Dunaway. Major actors and actresses, especially the British, were drawn to



Goldman, often by word of recommendation, and he became guide, philosopher and friend to them often for the rest of their career.

He was first attracted as a boy to the theatre, where he *memorized* cast listings, but a speech impediment kept him from the stage. He attended Yale University drama school *and worked at a series of art* shops before finding a job with a talent agent at $25 a week.

Goldman attributed his success to his personal concern and empathy for actors. "Basically they are all very insecure people," he said of them in a 1975 interview. "They wouldn't be actors if they weren't, because an actor has to go out every day and prove himself in front of an audience and that's not a mark of a very secure individual."

For many years Goldman came to London each summer for an intensive fortnight's theatre-going in the West End. His parties in his suite at the Savoy were famous - and liberally sprinkled with the famous. Goldman was always keen that his friends and clients, new-found and long-established, should know and like one another.

In New York he was equally *hospitable and most major* first nights were preceded by cocktails at his apartment or followed by supper at Sardi's. Goldman, always immaculately dressed and never a hair out of place, was a top class host as well as being a top class agent.

MANUEL CLOUTHIER

Trying to dislodge Mexico's ruling movement

Manuel Clouthier, a Mexican leader who did much to revive the reputation of the country's right wing Opposition, the National Action Party, when he ran as candidate in last year's Presidential elections, died on October 1 in a car accident in Sinaloa. He was 55.

Clouthier, a wealthy cattle rancher and businessman descended from French immigrants, brought new life to the fight to dislodge Mexico's ruling movement, the PRI (the Institutional Revolutionary Party), which has been in power uninterruptedly for six decades.

He came only third in the 1988 contest, which saw the PRI's candidate, Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari, victorious by barely 50 per cent of the votes.



But Clouthier did enjoy a "*consolation prize*" last July when, led by him, the National Action Party's candidate won the post of governor of one of Mexico's 31 states, an almost unprecedented feat.

Clouthier, who denounced the conduct of the *1988* Presidential election as "filthy", went on hunger strike in Mexico City in an effort to get the Salinas de Gortari win annulled.

A graduate in agronomy and biology from the Monterey *Technological Institute,* Clouthier abandoned a successful business career, selling off his extensive investments, in 1982 after President Lopez Portillo's move to nationalize Mexico's private banks as a measure against a deepening economic crisis.

Clouthier managed to unite and rejuvenate the conservative groups, bringing them a new degree of popular support. He combined a powerful attack from the right on electoral fraud and corruption *with an onslaught on the state* controls on the economy.

HORACE ALEXANDER

Gandhi's Quaker friend whom India honoured

Horace Gundry Alexander, one of the quiet breed of Quaker reconcilers, a friend of Gandhi and of India during her struggle for independence, died in Pennsylvania on *September 30, aged 100.*

Born in Croydon on July 30, 1889, he was educated at Bootham School, York, and King's College, Cambridge, at both of which he was a contemporary of his fellow Quaker, Philip Noel-Baker, with whom he was later able to claim a friendship of nearly 80 years. Both took an intense interest in international affairs, and Alexander was soon involved in Quaker activities, becoming secretary of the Friends Peace Committee in 1915.

His main career was as lecturer in international studies at the Quaker College, Woodbrooke, in Birmingham, from 1919 to 1943 when he became its Director of Studies. However, India claimed him *from an early date, first in the* anti-opium campaign, then as a result of his friendship with C. F. Andrews, who persuaded him in 1928 to visit Gandhi at his ashram at Sabarmati. They were to remain firm friends *until Gandhi's death in 1948.*

Alexander's first opportunity as a reconciler came after the famous Salt March in 1930 when there seemed no way to bring the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, and Gandhi together. Alexander visited Gandhi in prison and also talked with Lord Irwin. He would never claim to have done more than encourage trust in each other, but at all events the two men did meet and an agreement was reached soon afterwards.

At the Round Table Conference in London, and all through the 1930s through the India Conciliation Group, Alexander and other Quakers kept in touch with Gandhi and his nationalist friends, then considered "extremist agitators" by the British, and in 1942 he led a Friends Ambulance Unit team to India for some months. He was to spend much time in India between 1946 and 1951 on missions of reconciliation and relief work and was with Gandhi shortly before his death, at which time Alexander was supervising relief *camps.* Gandhi spoke of Alexander as one of India's best friends, British in nationality but Indian at heart. In 1984 Alexander received the Padma Bhushan medal, the highest civilian honour the *Indian government* can give to a non-Indian, in recognition of his service in the freedom movement.

It seems appropriate that this gentle, exact man with his spare figure and bird-like appearance should have had a passionate interest in birds from the age of 8, and he became a member of the British Ornithologist Union when 22. His two most substantial books were *Seventy Years of Birdwatching* (1974) and *Gandhi Through Western Eyes* (1969).

Horace Alexander's first wife, Olive Graham, died in 1942. In 1958 he married Rebecca Bradbeer, a Philadelphia Quaker, and for the last 20 years of his life they settled in Pennsylvania.

SCIENCE REPORT

Calling on the world to help

The Central American republic of Costa Rica has the highest density of different species of *organism of any country in the* world, but lacks the expertise to make sense of it all.

Dr Rodrigo Gamez, Director of INBio, the Costa Rican National Biodiversity Institute, is touring Europe and the United States to publicize INBio's needs for scientific and financial help to classify Costa Rica's immense biological heritage, and so make conservation measures more effective. Last Monday he spoke at the Natural History Museum in London, one of the world's largest biodiversity research centres.

Conservation efforts in Costa Rica have been impressive. A quarter of the country has been turned into national parks, and *the exploitation that has de*stroyed two thirds of the country's rain forest has been stopped. Some re-afforestation has begun.

Promoting the forest as a resource that must be preserved is the main task of INBio, created by President Oscar Arias in June.

Costa Rican scientists and politicians say that succesful conservation must include international as well as domestic co-operation. They have embarked upon an ambitious plan to encourage international help to list the country's species and use this information to educate the population and create a pride in its natural history.

In its $2.5 million grant proposal to the European Community, INBio stresses the need for international effort to preserve biodiversity.

At the Natural History Museum, Dr Gamez said "Costa Rica is not rich in resources, it is rich in biodiversity. It is important to get this message across."

Costa Rican conservationists have a three-stage plan to conserve large wildland areas, determine the biodiversity of these *areas and finally to raise* awareness of these biological riches among local people.

The first stage is far advanced, and 27 per cent of the Costa Rica is under constant protection. But the long term survival of these areas depends on successful implementation of the second and third stages. Hence the international drive to help classify the species of Costa Rica: 90 per cent of the world's taxonomists live in temperate countries, but 90 per cent of the *planet's species are tropical.* INBio says taxonomists must stop taking samples from tropical countries to study in Europe without returning the information to scientists in the tropics. In addition, an inventory of Costa Rica's estimated 500,000 species — as much as a twentieth of the global total — should be used to create a database.

Researchers cannot manage *the environment* effectively unless they can refer to particular species, but most of Costa Rica's invertebrate species have not been classified.

Ben Webb

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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BIRTHS

CHEVALIER - On 25th September, to Sarah (née Browne) and Gerard, a daughter.

HARRIS - On 5th October 1989, to Penny (née Snelling) and Toby, a son, James Benjamin Tobias.

HAWKESWORTH - On 28th September, in Oxford, to Jill and Mark, a son.

KELLY - On 26th September, to Cathy Ingram and John J. Kelly, a son, Edmund (Ned) Kelly.

MONTGOMERY - On 4th October, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, to Lesley (née Ross) and Marc, a son, Ruaridh, a brother for Amanda.

PEMBROKE - On October 4th, to Miranda (née Oram) and Henry, a daughter Jemima.

RUSCOMBE-KING - On October 4th 1989, to Kate (née Anstey) and Matthew, a son, Louis.

MARRIAGES

COLEMAN:NORREYS - The marriage took place on Saturday September 30th at Llanelli, South Wales, between Mr Mark Coleman of London and Miss Susan Jane Norreys, daughter of Mr Tom Norreys and the late Mrs Margaret Norreys, Llanelli, South Wales.

SHERLOCK-BRITTAIN - On September 30th, 1989, at St Mary of Bethany Church, Woking, Colin Sherlock to Diana Joy Brittain.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ISZARD:VALE - On October 7th 1939, Joseph Walter to Ethel Alice. Congratulations from all the family.

MAY:McNALLY On 7th October 1939, in Dublin, John to Maureen. Now at 6 Millhedge Close, Cobham, Surrey.

NEWBOLD:GIBLING - On 7th October 1939, at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, Clifford to Ray.

DEATHS

ABBATT - Lindley Charles, on Saturday 30th September, after a long illness, aged 79. Much loved husband of Helen and sadly missed by Yvonne, Valentine, Chloe and Luigi, Jonathan, Joan and *Daniel*. Private cremation. Enquiries welcome on (0622) 7 4061.

APPLEBY - On Octo' ɛ 4th, suddenly on his ?at at Keyhaven, Major General David Stanley Appleby C.B., M.C., T.D., of Burley, Hampshire, aged 70 years. Dearly loved husband of Prudence and father of Marcus and Camilla. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Burley, on Friday October 13th at 2 pm, followed by burial in the Churchyard. Enquiries to Barrow Bros. Funeral Directors, 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hants. Tel: (0425) 472104.

BRAY - On October 5th 1989, peacefully, Hildur G. Bray. Cremation private.

DEYKIN - On October 5th 1989, peacefully at home, Henry Cotterill, of Binswood Avenue, Leamington Spa, aged 84 years. A dearly loved husband of Barbara and much loved father of John. Funeral Service and cremation at The Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, on Tuesday October 10th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be sent to The Arthritic and Rheumatism Council, c/o H.J. Dawson Ltd., The Funeral Directors, 22 George Street, Leamington Spa. CV31 1ET.

HALLAM - On September 21st, Eunice Jean Hallam 'Ena' (née McGregor), widow of Martin Hallam M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Yalding, Kent. Cremation private.

HART - Dr. Denis Stephen (Joe), formerly of Downing College, Cambridge, on September 30th 1989, at home in Christchurch, New Zealand. Dearly loved husband of Monica and father of Roland, Derek and Philip.

KEENS - On 5th October 1989 in Jersey, Philip Francis Keens, CBE, FCA. Freeman of the City of London and Senior Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers. Retired Senior Partner of Keens, Shay, Keens & Co. Son of the Late Sir Thomas and Lady Keens. Loving Husband of Faith. Father of Peter and Penny. Stepfather of Penny, Carolyn and Gill and much loved Grandfather. Cremation Family only. No flowers. Donations if desired to the Jersey Hospice. Clarkson House. Memorial service to be announced later.

LAWRANCE - On October 1st 1989, Albert Edward, of Newton Lodge, College Road, Soham, Cambs., aged 61 years. Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 8th at Soham Parish Church at 7 pm.

MANLEY - On October 6th, peacefully at home, in his 90th year, Noel Manley, dear husband of Dorothy and loving father of Ruth and Gordon. Funeral at Harbledown Church, Canterbury, Thursday 12th October at 11.30 am.

MURPHY - On October 5th at home, Dr. Bernard Murphy (Chairman of Scientific Computers), a loving husband and father. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Badgeworth, Glos., on Tuesday, October 10th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired may be sent for Holy Trinity Church, Badgeworth, c/o Rev. W.C. Woradell, The Rectory, Shurdington, Cheltenham GL51 5TQ.

O'BRIEN - On October 5th 1989, Basil, beloved husband of Ruth and much loved father of Rory, Marney, Tony and Jonty and devoted grandfather of Ben, Matthew, Emma, Alice, Jack, Nicholas and Polly. Requiem Mass at St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Halstead, Essex, at 11 am on Tuesday 10th October, followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Omers Handicapped Childrens Trust, c/o Stonyhurst College, Lancashire BB6 9PZ.

PARRY - On October 5th, peacefully in King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Brigadier F.W.B. (Joe) Parry C.B.E., aged 83. Dearly loved by his wife Brenda and daughter Sue and loving Papa to Emma and Andrew. Funeral, Sidlesham Parish Church, 12 noon, Wednesday 11th October. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Buffs Charitable Fund, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent.

STERN - On October 4th 1989, suddenly in a London hospital, Mervyn Edward, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Carmen. Cremation at Golders Green on Wednesday October 11th at 3 pm. Please no flowers. If desired donations to Westminster Talking Magazine for the Blind.

WATTS - G.W. (Gerry), on October 5th, dearly loved and loving husband of Molly (née French). Devoted father of John, Joanna Rice, Sally Greasley and proud grandpa. Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Thursday 12th October at 3 pm Family flowers only, but donations may be made in his name to Guide Dogs for the Blind, c/o Surman and Horwood, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough, Bucks. HP19 0AE.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FRAMPTON - A Memorial Service for the life of Lt. Col. H.D. Frampton, OBE, will be held at Gresham's School in the Chapel on Friday 24th November at 3 pm. The address will be given by L. Bruce Lockhart.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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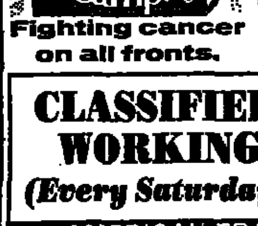
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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION *NO 005392 OF 1989* IN THE MATTER OF STERLING INDUSTRIES PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 11th September 1989 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company amounting to the sum of £10,249,919.67

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Harman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 16th day of October 1989.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company deciding to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the under mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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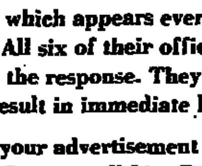
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THE MAKING OF A HOSPITAL.

(FROM OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, OCT. 5.

Though the clock in the little belfry over the central block of buildings still lacks its hands and though there are still, in the unoccupied parts of the great institution, windows without panes to them, doorways without doors, and staircases without steps, yet the Lycée Pasteur at Neuilly, converted in the period from August 12 to September 1 into the "American Ambulance of Paris," is at this moment one of the best equipped and most remarkable war hospitals in Europe—as I hope to show.

The story of that transformation is one of the romances of ambulance work. When the war broke out the Lycée Pasteur was a mere shell—a great school in course of erection, to be opened, perhaps in the late autumn. The doors—beautiful tiled floors they are—were covered with dust and rubble of every description; workmen were in full possession; anything "less hopeful looking" it would have been difficult to imagine.

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Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Christopher Booker, author, 52; Sir Colin Chandler, aviation expert, 50; Mr Shura Cherkassky, pianist, 78; Mr Joseph Cooper, pianist and broadcaster, 77; Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 70; Sir Andrew Derbyshire, architect, 66; Professor Harold Dexter, organist, 69; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fletcher, 73; Dr Mark Girouard, architectural historian, 58; Lord Glenarthur, 45; Mr B.M.S. Hoban, former head master, Harrow School, 68; Mr Clive James, broadcaster, 50; Mr Thomas Keneally, author, 54; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, 76; Vice-Admiral Sir Aubrey Mansergh, 91; Miss Yaltah Menuhin, pianist, 68; Lord Justice Stocker, 71; Major-General Julian Thompson, 55; Miss Jayne Torvill, ice-skater, 32; the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, 58; Mr Graham Yallop, cricketer, 37; Mr Yo Yo Ma, cellist, 34.

TOMORROW: The Marquess of Anglesey, 67; Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, 60; Viscount Caldecote, 72; Lord Caradon, 82; Professor Garth Chapman, zoologist, 72; Sir Nicolas Cheetham, diplomat, 79; Professor Sir Alastair Currie, pathologist, 68; Professor H. E. de Wardener, nephrologist, 74; Sir Edward Eveleigh, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 72; His Honour Edgar Fay, QC, 81; Lord Justice Fox, 68; Mr Brandon Gough, chairman and senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, 52; Mr Milner Gray, founder partner, Design Research Unit, 90; Mr John Hardman, chairman, ASDA, 50; Professor Sir Richard Harrison, anatomist, 69; Professor Daphne Jackson, physicist, 53; Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, architect, 89; Mr Alasdair Milne, former director-general, BBC, 59; Dr César Milstein, biochemist, 62; Sir Mark Oliphant, former governor, South Australia, 88; Dame Merle Park, director, Royal Ballet School, 52; the Very Rev J.M.K. Paterson, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 67; the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, diplomat, 70; Mr Ray Reardon, snooker player, 57; Lord Romsey, 42; M Albert Roux, chef and restaurateur, 54; Sir Robert Scholey, chairman, British Steel, 68; Sir Reginald Sholl, legal consultant, 87; Mr D.R.W. Silk, warden, Radley College, 58; Mr Godfrey Talbot, broadcaster, 81; Mr Peter Wood, theatre and television director, 61.

Tomorrow's services

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; *9.30 M, Miss A Tilby: 11 Sung Euch,* Missa aeterna (Palestrina), Christi munera, O sacrum convivium (Tallis). Rev J Bowker: 3.15 E, Responses (Reading), Walmisley in D, Jehova quam multi sunt (Purcell). Rev Dr E Norman: 6.30 Sermon & Compline. Rev P Brett.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Stanford in B flat, Very Rev J Southgate: 11.30 North Eastern Circuit Annual Service, Jubilate in C (Britten), Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), Bishop M Mann: 4 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), Thy word is a lantern (Purcell). Canon R Hockley.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.30, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams): 10.30 M, Sumsion in G, The Ven G Cassidy: 3.15 E, Stanford in A, Turn back, O man (Holst). The Rt Rev J Taylor.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 *M, Responses (Neary), Te Deum in C* (Boyce), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Canon C Semper: 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Rev A Luff: 3 E, Murrill in E, Blest'd City (Bairstow), Rev R Farrow: 5.4 Organ Recital: 5.30 ES, Rev P Ferguson.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, *5.30, 7 M*; 10.30 SM, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), O altitudo divitiarum (Guerrero): 2.30 Organ Recital: 3.30 SV & B, Magnificat quarti toni (Bevan), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 HM, L'Hora passa (Viadana), Fr A Barrall.

CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Greek Orthodox, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Russian Orthodox, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Serbian Orthodox, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Let the bright Seraphim (Handel). Canon J Bean.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, *WC2: 11.15 M, Stanford in B flat,* Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace (Wesley). The Chaplain: 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 MP & HC, Jesu, joy and treasure (Bach), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Goss). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Harvest Festival Service; 12 HC, Exultate justi (Viadana), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Great and marvellous are Thy works (Boyce). The Chaplain.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Sing joyfully unto God our strength (Mundy). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Awake my soul, and with the sun, Responses (Thalben-Ball), Gray in G, Sowerby in B flat, Insanae et vanae curae. The Reader.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 M & MP, 5.11 (Byrd), Humphrey in E Minor, Jesu, grant me this, I pray (Bairstow). Rev W Sirr: 12.15 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Stanford in A, Sing joyfully (Byrd). Rev J Blease: 3.30 E, Wash me thoroughly (Wesley), *Morley fauxbourdons, Te lucis ante terminum* (Tallis).

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Leighton), O sing unto the Lord (Mathias). Rev S Hobbs: 6 E&B, The Second Service (Gibbons), I will sing of thy power (Greene). The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev Dr J Stott: 6.30 Rev Preb R Bewes.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Rev M Butchers.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: Mass for four voices (Monteverdi), Beatus vir (Carissimi)

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 HC, Guest Service, Rev K Costa: 6.30 Guest Service, Rev J Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: *8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.*

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC4: 9 HC; 11 M, Te Deum (Gibbons), Short Service, O Lord in Thy wrath (Gibbons). The Rector: 6.30 E, Short Service (Gibbons), When David heard (Tomkins), Rev S Waine.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in B flat, Stanford Coronation, If you love me (Tallis). Canon J Oates: 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Sanders), Sumsion in A, Hear my Prayer (Mendelssohn), Canon J Oates.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Darlow), O let me at Thy footstool fall (Pearson). The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12, 7.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev G Taylor: 6.30 EP, Rev P *Galloway*.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, Rev M Bunker: 6.30 EP, Rev G Williams.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 *HC; 11 S Euch: 5.45 EP.*

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 SE, Western Wind (Shepherd), I will lift up mine eyes (Howells). Rev G Buckle: 6 CE, Short Service (Byrd), O Helland Reis (Brahms). The Vicar.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch, Rev R Callaghan: *6.30 Evening Worship*, Rev T Harkin.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Quarti Toni (Vittoria), Tantum Ergo (Duruflé), Rev N Barry: 6.30 E. Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; *10.30 MP & HC*, Vaughan Williams in G, O Salutaris Hostia (Nicholson): 6.30 Sung E, Hall, Gladdening Light (Wood), Rev S Acland.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch & Holy Baptism, Missa Secunda (Hassler), Greater Love (Ireland), Rev T Devonshire-Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11.15 Choral M & Sermon, Responses (Smith), Stanford in B flat, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams). Rev C Richardson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev O Clarke: 11.30 MP, Rev M Henwood: 2.45 Chinese Service, Mr O Tang: *6.30 Service of* Healing to Commemorate the Centenary of birth of Dorothy Kerin, Rt Rev M Maddocks.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, The Vicar: 11 M, Rev A Boddy: 6.30 Choral E, Purcell in G, Jehova quam multi sunt hostes? (Purcell)

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass (Poulenc), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Rev I Brown: 6.30 E. Rev R McLaren.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8, 12.15 HC; 11 HC: 7 Informal ES, Rev D Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Behold now, praise the Lord (How), Responses (Byrd), Vaughan Williams in G, Stanford in C, God omnipotent reigneth (Daques).

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Informal Morning Service, Rev *J Millar*

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Blow). Rev B Beckeries.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Quarti toni (Victoria), O Sapientia (Ramsey), Exsultate Deo (Scarlatti). Fr J Towers: 6 SE & B, Fr G Morgan.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Mass in G (Schubert), Ave Maria (Brahms): 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Harvest Thanksgiving, Rev J McIndoe: 6.30 Rev S Dunleavy.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45, Missa au travail suis (Ockeghem), Beata viscera (Byrd).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, M, Missa Ut, Re (Palestrina), Ave Maria (Brahms), 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V&B, Benedictus Dominus (Palestrina).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung M, Virginis Mariae Mass (Hullbars), Ave Maria (des Pres), Trio Sonata 2 (Bach).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Missa "a quattuor vocibus" (Byrd), Ave Maris Stella (Monteverdi).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Rev E Waugh: 6.30 Mr M Ciotola.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mr S Ratcliffe: 6 Rev M Braddy.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev L Griffiths: 6.30 Rev P Hoar.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11 *Mr R Parsons*: 2.30 Mr W Atkinson: 6.30 Mr C Dye.

REGENT SQUARE URC, PRESBYTERIAN Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev K Swaine: 6 Rev Dr R Scopes.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 6.30, Lt Col & Mrs M Bale: 3 Musical Programme, visit of *Mr & Mrs P Smith, principal trumpet* of the New York Philharmonic

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC; 7 Choral V, "Fear no, O Land" (Elgar), Adagio of Organ (Nardini). Rev R Englund.

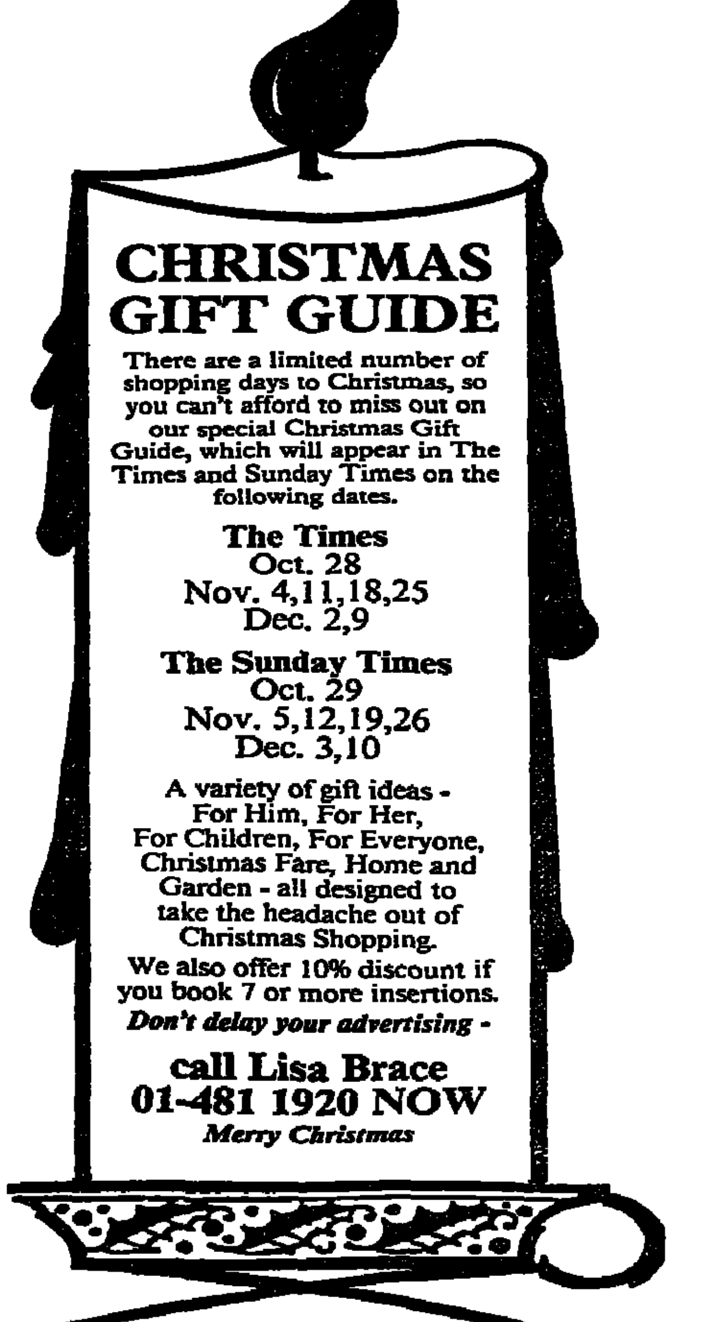
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WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate,SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.



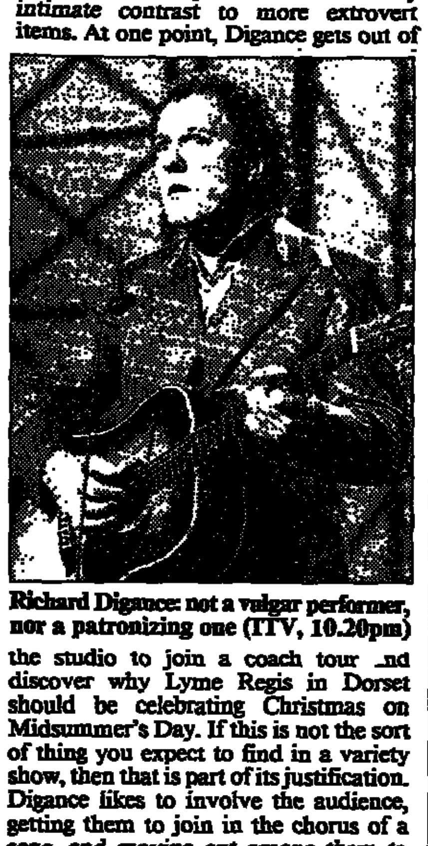
SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

Breaking the comic mould

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● **Abracadigance** (ITV, 10.20pm) opens in the well-established tradition of television variety with a stand-up routine, a swipe at other television shows and the ritual jokes about Paul Daniels, Oliver Reed and Bernard Manning. So far, so conventional. But Richard Digance, an entertainer from the London East End with an accent to prove it, is soon breaking the mould. A touching but unsentimental tribute to Tony Hancock, sung to his own guitar accompaniment, subverts the usual showbiz glitter of such programmes and provides an effectively intimate contrast to more extrovert items. At one point, Digance gets out of



Richard Digance: not a vulgar performer, nor a patronizing one (ITV, 10.20pm)

the studio to join a coach tour and discover why Lyme Regis in Dorset should be celebrating Christmas on Midsummer's Day. If this is not the sort of thing you expect to find in a variety show, then that is part of its justification. Digance likes to involve the audience, getting them to join in the chorus of a song, and moving out among them to talk to (carefully planted) people with funny jobs. Some of Digance's language would probably not pass muster on the box earlier in the evening, but he is not a vulgar performer, nor a patronizing one and he has a nicely informal style. His finale, a song evoking memories of his youth, is not only a clever piece of writing in itself, but clearly touches many other memories along the way.

● **Five Women Painters** (Channel 4, 6.30pm) has been a consistently watchable and interesting series and tonight's concluding programme maintains the standard. It focuses on the only one of the quintet still living, Eileen Agar, who ran away from her comfortable upper-crust home to become an artist and shocked her friends by living with a man to whom she was not married. This blow to conventional morality did not extend to having children. She admits that she was more interested in being a painter than a mother. She proclaimed her allegiance to Surrealism by buying a cork basket, decorating it with a lobster, tiger fish, seashells and marine flowers and wearing it on her head. At 88 she is still working and still calls herself a Surrealist. Her credo is that while life deserves to be taken seriously, it is also there to be enjoyed. That enjoyment is evident in her paintings, with their bold colours and unexpected juxtapositions.

BBC 1

7.30 Saturday Starts Here! presented by Wayne Jackman and Ian Tregonning, begins with Playbus (r) 7.55 Laurel and Hardy in a cartoon *Squawking Squatter* (r) 8.00 New Adventures of Mighty Mouse 8.15 Eggs 'n' Baker. On Cheryl Baker's music and food show this week are *Neighbours* star Stefan Dennis and singer Sonia 8.35 *Thundercats. Cartoon series (r)*
9.00 Going Live! with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. Musical guests include Wet, Wet, Wet and Bros who talk, via satellite, about their *current tour of the United States.* Plus Phillip Schofield spending a day as a co-driver in the Tour of Britain car rally; agony uncle Philip Hodson; and in a new item, *Book It,* American youth writer Paula Danziger 12.12 Weather
12.15 Grandstand introduced, on the *10th anniversary of his being in the* hot seat, by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football: previews of the weekend's programme and next week's World Cup qualifying matches; 12.30 Motor Racing from Bathurst, Australia; 1.10 News; 1.15 and 3.15 Hockey: second-half action in the Lada Classic women's match between England *and the United States; and the* men's game between England and the Netherlands; 1.55, 2.30, 3.05 and 3.55 Racing from Chepstow and Phoenix Park (the Cartier Million, 4.00); 2.10 Rallying: a review of the British Open championship; 2.45 Boxing: *highlights of Thursday's Gary* Mason v Tyrell Biggs heavyweight contest; 4.05 Basketball: the *Carlsberg Tournament of Champions* final from Leicester
5.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
5.10 Sport
5.15 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time
5.40 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow. With guests David Essex and Spike Milligan
6.25 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz show. (Ceefax)
7.00 'Allo 'Allo! Why have René, Edith, *Fairfax, Carstairs and Mimi disguised* themselves as a workman's hut? (Ceefax)
7.30 Russ Abbot. More comedy sketches, with Bella Emberg, Tom *Bright, Sherrie Hewson and* Leigh Miles. (Ceefax)
8.00 All Creatures Great and Small. *James is sandwiched between two* matronly ladies when he tends a sick cat. The formidable females vie with each other over titbits for the invalid and regularly ply James for *information about the patient.* (Ceefax)
8.50 News and Sport. With Michael *Buerk. Weather*
9.05 Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) starring Richard Pryor and John Candy. Comedy about a loser who will inherit $300 million if he can *spend $30 million in 30 days* without giving any away or acquiring any possessions. Directed by Walter Hill
10.40 Saturday Matters with Sue Lawley. Tonight's guests include Pauline Collins, Lenny Henry, Ian Hislop and Andrew Lloyd Webber. *Plus, with a song Michael Ball*
11.25 The Horse of the Year Show from Wembley Arena. Highlights of the Everest Grand Prix and the final round of the Pony Club Mounted Games
12.35am Julio Iglesias – Non-Stop. Includes songs from his 1988 tour of *the Far East and footage of his* concert in Brisbane
1.05 Weather



Host Sue Lawley: interviews a mixed cocktail of guests (BBC1, 10.40pm)

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Saturday Sport presented by Geoff Clark. *Includes previews of* England's World Cup football qualifying game against Poland; and the richest greyhound race of the year – the Laurent Perrier Grand Prix at Walthamstow; 7.00 News
7.30 WAC 90 for the young with Tommy Boyd, Michaela Strachan and Shelaagh Ferrell
9.25 Motormouth 2 presented by Neil Buchanan, Tony Gregory, Gaby Roslin and Steve Johnson. The guests includes singer/songwriter *Belinda Carlisle and singer Sona.*
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. This week's Vintage Video features Run DMC
12.30 A. L. F. Adventure of an Alien Life Force, flourishing in suburban United States
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves review the week's football news and look forward to the weekend's programme and next week's World Cup qualifying games
1.40 Sportsmasters. Sports quiz *presented by Dickie Davies*
2.10 Nearest and Dearest. Vintage comedy starring Hylda Baker and Jimmy Jewel (r)
2.40 Film: Third Man on the Mountain (1959) starring James MacArthur and Janet Munro. Disney's adventure yarn about a young dishwasher at a Swiss tourist hotel in the 1860s who dreams of being the first to climb the Citadel, a towering mass of *sheer ice and rock that took the life of* his father in an attempt 16 years earlier. With Michael Rennie and Herbert Lom. Directed by Ken Annakin
4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby
5.00 News and Sport followed by Weather 5.10 LWT News and weather
5.15 The A-Team: The Duke of Whispering Pines. *The resourceful* quartet are looking for a missing metals expert in a small mining town when they come across a lynch mob (r)
6.15 Catchphrase. *Guessing game* show hosted by Roy Walker. (Oracle)
6.45 Blind Date. Cilla Black with *another edition of the boy meets girl* show. (Oracle)
7.35 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle surprises unsuspecting members of the public who don't seem to mind having themselves made to look foolish
8.05 Murder, She Wrote: The Wearing of the Green. *Jessica investigates* the theft of a priceless emerald tiara and the subsequent murder of a gems dealer – a trail that leads to a legendary actress
9.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 9.15 LWT Weather
9.20 Saracen: Starcross. In this episode, postponed from September 23, Barber falls for the doctor who nurses him back to health after an accident. Their wining and dining leads to a romantic weekend in *a remote cabin.* Back at Saracen base, a check is made on the doctor and an Irish connection is *discovered. There follows a race* against time to reach Barber before he is assassinated. Starring Christian Burgess and Suzanna Hamilton
10.20 *Abracadigance (see Choice)*
11.20 Runaway Train (1985) starring Jon Voight. Drama about a hardened criminal and a young offender who escape from an Alaskan prison and board what they think is an empty freight train. Unknown to them, the driver has suffered a *heart attack, the female railworker is* asleep and the train is careering down the track with its brakes burnt out. Directed by Andrei Konchalovsky
1.25am Destination Docklands: The Concert. Jean Michel Jarre's visually spectacular concert held in *London's Docklands last October.* Simultaneous broadcast with Capital FM
2.30 Coach. Hayden turns down an opportunity to go to the opera with *Christine which leads to her* asking Hayden to define their relationship
3.00 American College Football. Texas v TCU
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news and music presented by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
5.00 *ITN Morning News with Anne* Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

9.00 Open University: The Oxford Union Debate 9.25 Good Moves
9.50 Sounds Like Strad. West Country instrument makers (r)
10.20 Film: The Count of Monte Cristo (1934, b/w) starring Robert Donat and Elissa Landi. Drama, based on Alexandre Dumas's classic tale of a ship's mate who is unwittingly involved in Napoleon's escape from *Elba. Directed by Rowland V. Lee*
12.10 Entertainment USA 2 (r)
12.40 The Story of English Furniture. Arthur Negus examines examples of medieval and Elizabethan *furniture (r)*
1.05 Voices from the Doll's House. One-time suffragette Victoria Lidiard remembers her militancy (r)
1.20 The Shogun Inheritance. The spirit of the samurai (r)
1.55 Network East. A new series begins with an investigation into the *dubious appointment of trade* union delegates to the general committee of Birmingham's Small Heath constituency Labour Party
2.40 Film: The Master Race (1944, b/w) starring George Coulouris. Drama about a Nazi officer who, towards the end of the Second World *War, realizes that Hitler is going to be defeated by the Allies.* He leaves Berlin and begins to *prepare for a third confrontation.* Directed by Herbert J. Biberman
4.15 Film: Grand Prix (1966) starring James Garner, *Eva Marie Saint* and Yves Montand. Motor racing thriller about a disgraced formula one driver who is sacked by his stable after being the cause of a colleague's *serious injuries. He determines to* fight his way back to the top. Directed by John Frankenheimer. (Ceefax)
7.00 Rapido. *Pop music series*
7.30 NewsView and weather
8.15 Red Dynasty: Year of the Dragon. This last in Edward Behr's trilogy follows a year in the lives of five peasant farmers in rural China
9.05 Dance International: The Soldier's Tale. A performance of *Igor Stravinsky's celebrated* theatre piece, written for actors and only one dancer. With the Spanish dancer Nacho Duato as the soldier
10.00 Film: King of the Children (1987) starring Xie Yuan and Yang Xuewen. Chinese drama, set during the *time of the Cultural Revolution, about* a land labourer relocated to teach in a village school. Directed by Chen Kaige. In Mandarin with English subtitles
11.45 Film: Salt of the Earth (1954, b/w) starring Rosaura Revueltas, Juan Chacon and Will Geer. Drama, *based on fact, about a dispute in New* Mexico during the early 1950s in which striking Mexican/American zinc miners are forced back to work only for their wives to take up the cudgels on their oppressed men's behalf. Directed by Herbert J. Biberman. Ends at 1.25am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 *Ourselves and Other Animals.* How animals communicate (r) 6.30 Tree House (r) 7.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Life. Animated series on the human body 7.30 *International Times* – World News 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing – The Morning Line. A preview *of the weekend's* racing programme 9.25 Sing & Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s
9.30 Same Difference (r) 10.00 A *Vote of No Confidence. The second* of three programmes on the political thoughts of the 18 to 25 age group (r)
10.30 Film: Escape (1940, b/w) starring *Robert Taylor and Norma Shearer.* Second World War thriller about the mistress of a leading Nazi official who helps an American artist rescue his mother from a concentration camp. With Conrad Veidt. Directed by Mervyn Le Roy
12.25 Film: Three Dumb Clucks (1943, *b/w) starring the Three Stooges as* sons trying to prevent their flirtatious father from marrying a gold *digger. Directed by Del Lord*
12.45 Dance With Me. Brazilian drama serial. English subtitles
1.15 Film: Bim, Le Petit Ane (1949, b/w). The story of a young bedouin who fears his only possession, a donkey, will be taken from him. Directed by Albert Lamorisse
2.15 *Channel 4 Racing from* Newmarket, Longchamp and Phoenix Park. Live coverage of the 2.30, 3.00, *3.35* (William Hill Cambridgeshire), 4.10 and 4.40 races from Newmarket; the 2.40, 3.10, 4.20 (Ciga Grand Criterium) and 4.50 from Longchamp; and the 4.00 (Cartier Million) from Phoenix Park
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. *In the Lion's Den* with George Gale comes in for criticism
6.30 Five Women Painters. (Oracle) (see Choice)
7.00 The World This Week. Is there a future for two Germanys? Plus, the opening of the Limpopo Railway *after a gap of six years. Followed by* Weather
8.00 A Family at War. Episode seven of the 11-part serial following the fortunes of one family during the Second World War. It is August 1940 and the Luftwaffe is bombing Liverpool (r). (Oracle)
9.00 *Film: La Chambre Verte (1978)* starring François Truffaut and Nathalie Baye. The study of the burgeoning relationship between a widower with a shrine in his house to his wife, and a reporter who has recently lost her lover. Directed by François Truffaut
10.45 *Club Culture featuring music* from, among others, Yazz and Bomb the Bass (r)
11.45 After Dark. Open-ended discussion capital punishment

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

7.00am Countdown 8.00 Fun Factory 12.00 *Frank Bough's World:* Jack Abaslom's Outback 1.00pm Jameson's Week 2.00 All-American Wrestling 3.00 The Bionic Woman 4.00 UK Top 50 5.00 Dolly: with guests, Terance Trent D'Arby, *Kermit the Frog* and the Oak Ridge Boys 6.00 Bros In 2 Summer: highlights from their Wembley concert on August 19 8.00 Film: The Human Factor, starring Richard Attenborough 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 UK Top 50

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News Overnight 5.30 Beyond 2000 6.00 Sky News 6.30 Earthfile 7.30 Beyond 2000 8.30 Earthfile 9.30 Wild West End 10.30 Earthfile 11.30 Our *World* – Jack Absalom's Outback 12.30pm Beyond 2000 1.30 Motor Sports News 2.30 Wild West End 3.30 Earthfile 4.30 *Our World* 5.30 Wild West End 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters: how obsessional fans can turn the Hollywood star's dream into a nightmare 8.30 The Best of The Frank Bough Interview 9.30 The Best of Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Motor Sports News 12.30am Wild West End 1.30 Target 2.30 The Best of the Frank Bough Interview 3.30 The Reporters 4.30 Motor Sports News

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm Eleni (1985): John Malkovich as a reporter investigating his mother's death 30 years ago in Greece. With Kate Nelligan
4.00 Off Beat (1986): Judge Reinhold as a librarian, masquerading as a policeman, who falls for a fellow officer. Also starring Meg Tilly
6.00 Star Wars (1977): Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) battles to save Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) from the evil Darth Vader. Also starring Harrison Ford and Alec Guinness. Directed by George Lucas
8.00 I Know My First Name Is Steven – Part 2 (1988): Based on the true story of Steven Stayner, abducted in 1972, and held captive for seven years
9.35 Batman – The Making of a Hero (1988): Behind-the-scenes, including interviews with Michael Keaton and Kim Basinger
10.00 Porky's (1982): Comedy about high school boys and their encounters at a local bordello. Set in 1950s Florida
11.45 9½ Weeks (1986): A tale of dangerous obsession, starring Kim Basinger and Mickey Rourke
1.45am Bad Manners (1983): A group of children escape from an orphanage intent on saving their friend, who has been adopted by a wealthy couple
4.00 The Emerald Forest (1985): An *engineer's 10-year search for his son,* abducted by Amazonian Indians

EUROSPORT

10.00am World Cup Football 11.00 Ryder Cup Golf 1.00pm Men's Indoor Tennis 3.00 *Major League Baseball* 4.00 Motor Cycling Super Cross World Championships 5.00 European Basketball 6.00 Trans World Sport 7.00 Paris-Tours Cycling 8.00pm German Masters Golf 10.00 Men's Indoor Tennis 12.00 Weightlifting World Championships

MTV

7.00am Non-Stop Pure Pop 10.00 Club MTV 10.30 US Top 20 Countdown 12.00 Yo! 12.30pm Week in Rock 1.00 Marcel and Ray 6.00 The Big Picture 6.30 *The Big Picture Special* 7.00 Kristiane Backer 9.30 Spotlight on VMA Winners 10.00 Party Zone 12.00 MTV Erotica 1.00am Maiken Wexo 3.00 Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

2.00am Top Rank Boxing 3.30 US College Football 5.30 Tennis 7.00 NFL '89 Game of the Week 9.00 NFL '89 *Highlights* 10.00 Auto Racing 12.00 Argentinian Football '89 1.45pm Spain Spain Sport 2.00 Rugby League 3.30 Major League Baseball '89 6.00 US College Football 7.00 US College Football 9.00 Top *Team Spanish Soccer* 11.00 *Inside the* PGA 11.30 Tennis

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Cisco Kid 12.30pm Car 54, Where Are You? 1.00 Get Smart 1.30 Make Room for Daddy 2.00 Texas Championship Rodeo 3.00 GLOW 4.00 The Edge of Night

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.10pm Wales on Saturday (incl Llanelli v Neath) 5.50 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time 6.15-7.00 Noel Edmonds Saturday *Roadshow* 12.35am *Bob's Full House* 1.10-1.15 Weather SCOTLAND: 5.10pm-5.15 Scottish News and Sport 9.05 The Rockford Files 9.55-10.40 Sportscene NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.50pm-5.00 Northern Ireland Results 5.10-5.15 Inside Ulster Newsline

ANGLIA *As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Golf* 5.15 Who's the Boss? 5.45-6.15 You Must be Joking 1.25am The Twilight Zone: Last *Defender of Camelot* 2.00 *Hit Man and Her* 4.00-5.00 Special Squad

BORDER As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 Batman 1.25am The Twilight Zone: The One and Future King 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Fashion Show 1.30am Prisoner: *Cell Block H* 2.25 *Cinemattractions* 2.55 Coach 3.25 America's Top Ten 3.50 Garrison's Gorillas 4.50-5.00 Profiles (Then Jericho and Pat Benetar)

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Karting 1.25am The Time Tunnel 2.25 Batman 2.55-4.00 Rock of Europe

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GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Batman 8.05-9.00 Murder, She Wrote: Way to Dusty Death 1.25am The Twilight Zone: The Once and Future King/The Uncle Devil Show 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 *Batman* 5.15-5.45 *The Incredible* Hulk 1.20am Married... with Children 1.50 Film: The Commancheros (John Wayne, Lee Marvin) 4.05-5.00 Concert

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variations

SCOTTISH *As London except: 12.30pm-1.00* Batman 8.05-9.00 Murder She Wrote: Just Another Fish Story 1.25am The Twilight *Zone: The Once and Future King/The Uncle Devil Show* 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 South West Week 1.25am The Twilight Zone: The Once and Future King/The Uncle Devil Show 2.00am The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Coach 4.30am-5.00 America's Top Ten

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Karting 1.25am The Time Tunnel 2.25 Batman 2.55-*4.00 Rock of Europe*

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Batman 1.25am The Twilight *Zone: The Once and Future King/The Uncle Devil Show* 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Batman 1.25am The Twilight Zone: The Once and Future King 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE *As London except: 12.30pm-*1.00 Golf 8.05-9.00 Murder, She Wrote. Indian Giver 1.25am The Twilight Zone 2.00 *The Hit Man and Her 4.00-5.00 Music Box*

S4C Starts: 6.00am Early Morning 9.25 Sing and Swing 9.30 Same Difference 10.00 Women Painters 10.30 Hard News 11.00 Mushroom Magic 11.30 Secret Life of the Central Heating System 12.00 Dangerous Lives 12.45pm Peter Quarry 1.15 Benn Diaries 2.15 Racing 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Cosby Show 7.00 Ar Y Bocs 7.30 News 7.40 Noson Lawen 8.45 Y Maes Chwarae 9.35 Film: L'Homme qui Aimait Les Femmes (Charles Denner) *11.45 After Dark 1.45am Closedown*

RTE 1 Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1.00pm Bionic Woman 2.00 Birthday Present 2.30 *Film: Palmy Days (Eddie Cantor)* 4.05 *Film: Unholy* Garden (Ronald Coleman, Fay Wray) 5.30 Scealaiocht Janosch 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 Famous Teddy Z 7.05 Mission Impossible 8.00 Saturday Stage 9.00 News 9.15 Traffik 10.15 Kenny 'Live' 11.40 Midnight Caller 12.40am Closedown

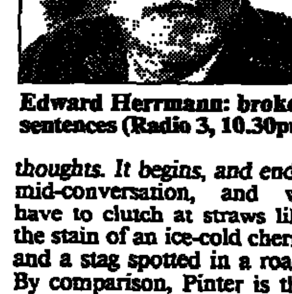
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The day's best dramatic buys

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● Drama-wise, there's no disputing that the day's best buys are the repeat of Martyn Wade's almost unbearably sad play about the short life of the Yorkshire composer William Baines, **Goodnight to Flamboro** (Radio 4, 2.30pm), first heard on Radio 3 earlier this year; and David Mamet's unfuriatingly elusive **Joseph Dintenfass** (Radio 3, 10.30pm). I'm bitterly disappointed that the first transmission of the Baines play, beautifully ornamented with Eric Parkin's piano recordings, did not result in Baines's works getting more air time on Radio 3. None the less, today's repeat is a move in the right direction, providing a *fresh incentive for you to write* to the BBC demanding the immediate rehabilitation of Baines in the music schedules. *Joseph Dintenfass* is a two-hander, set in New England, with Edward Herrmann and Jane Bertish exchanging broken sentences and incomplete



Edward Herrmann: broken sentences (Radio 3, 10.30pm)

thoughts. It begins, and ends, mid-conversation, and we have to clutch at straws like the stain of an ice-cold cherry and a stag spotted in a road. By comparison, Pinter is the essence of accessibility. Yet, these 25 minutes won't stop haunting me.

● Tonight's live transmission from Vienna of Verdi's **Don Carlos** (Radio 3, 6.00pm) restores the Act I introduction, set in a Fontainebleau forest – usually the first thing to go when it's thought the opera is too long for our comfort. Raimondi, Freni, Baltsa and Lima head the terrific cast.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16

DUMPSTER
(a) A large receptacle in which rubbish is disposed of, originally a proprietary trademark: "I've slept in carpet dumpsters from here to Salines, so I feel for those kids."

POULAINE
(c) The long pointed toe of a shoe as worn by both sexes in the 14th and 15th centuries, from the Old French *Poulaine* Polish, i.e. shoes of the Polish fashion: "No one under the estate of a lord was permitted to wear pikes or poulaines to his shoes exceeding two inches in length."

BENTHOS
(b) Haeckel's name for the flora and fauna at the bottom of the sea, from the Greek *benthos* depth of the sea: "The greatest part of the discoveries concerns the abyssal benthos."

MASSÉ
(c) In billiards a stroke with the cue held perpendicular, from the French East Indian *macer* to massage: "He played the massé well for an Englishman."

RADIO 1

FM Stereo – all day in London, the Midlands, the North, South Wales, Avon and Somerset, Oxfordshire, central Scotland and Belfast, and between 1.00 and 7.00pm nationally and MW News on the half hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30

5.00am Tim Smith 7.00 Bruno Brookes Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Let's Spend Some Time Together 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Robbie Vincent 9.00 Andy Peebles Soul Train 11.00-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show

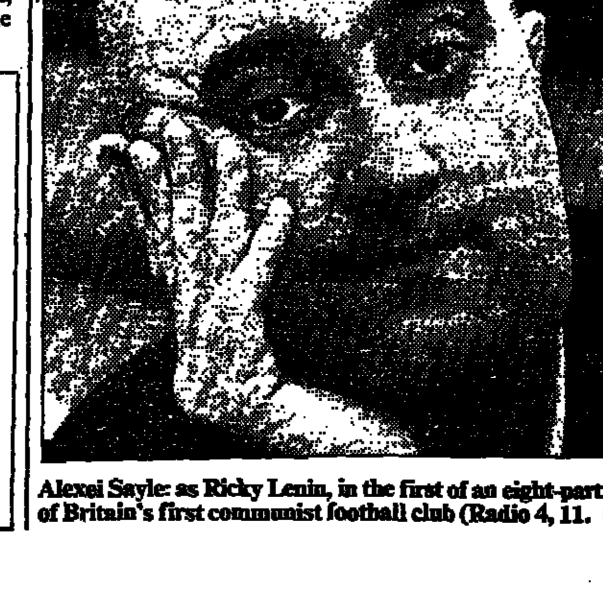
RADIO 2

FM Stereo (except 1.00pm-7.00pm) and MW
News on the hour until 1.00pm, then at 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and hourly from 10.00 *Headlines* 6.30am, 7.30
4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 David Jacobs 9.00 *Sounds of the 1950s* 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.00pm The *News Huddlines (new series)* 1.30 Sport On 2 6.00 Cinema 2 6.30 Brain of Sport 7.00 The Press Gang 7.30 Saturday Gala Night, incl 8.20-8.40 Interval 9.30 String Sound 10.05 Tony Capstick 12.05am Night Owls 1.00 Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.

5.00am German Features 5.35 News in German, Headlines in English and French 5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summary 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Worldbrief 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Behind the Wall 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours: News Summary 1.30 Network UK 2.01 Sportsworld 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Music Review 3.30 King Street Junior 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 Recording of the Week 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 News 8.09 From Our Own Correspondent 8.30 Meridian 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Behind the Wall 9.30 Churchill at War 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.09 Book Choice 11.15 A Jolly Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Play of the Week 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Three Stones by L.P. Hartley 2.30 The Ken Bruce Show 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 *From Our Own Correspondent* 3.30 Back to Square One 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Personal View 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau



Alexei Sayle: as Ricky Lenin, in the first of an eight-part story of Britain's first communist football club (Radio 4, 11. 0pm)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Debussy (Iberia "Images": LSO under Claudio Abbado); Kuhlau (Spinning Songs of the Witches "Lulu, Act 2": Danish Radio *Symphony* Chorus and Orchestra under Michael Schonwandt)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Haydn (Symphony No 24 in D: *Cantilena under Adrian* Shepherd); Borodin (Scherzo in A flat: Margaret *Fingerhut, piano): Enesco* (Symphonie concertante: Monte Carlo PO under Lawrence Foster, Franco Maggio-Ormezowski, cello); Hilding Rosenberg *(Overture, Marionettes: LSO* under Sixten Ehrling)
8.30 News
8.35 *Borodin Trio, Rostislav* Dubinsky, violin, Yuli Turovsky, cello, Luba Edlina, piano, performs Haydn (Trio in C, H XV 27); Smetana (Trio in G minor, *Op 15) (r)*
9.30 Saturday Review: Introduced by Richard *Osborne. Record Review* – Building a Library. David Nice on Shostakovich's Symphony No 8; new recordings of Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice, Purcell's Dido and Aeneas and Mozart's singspiel Die Schuldigkeit des ersten Gebots, K 35, are reviewed by George Pratt 10.40 Record Release. Gluck (Orfeo ed Euridice, ballet from 1774 Paris version: C.P.E. Bach CO under Hartmut Haenchen); Mozart (Grabmusik, K 42: Stuttgart RSO under Neville *Marriner,* Ann Murray, mezzo-soprano, Stephen Varcoe, bass), *incl* 11.35 The Gramophone Record Awards 1989 11.51 Tchaikovsky (Romance in F, Op 51 No 5: Barry Douglas, piano); Martinů (Nonet: Ensemble Wien-Berlin): Mendelssohn (Concerto for violin, piano and string orchestra: Orpheus Chamber Ensemble, Gidon Kremer, violin, Martha Argerich, piano)
1.00pm News
1.05 *Beau Chant* and Virtuosity: The last of six programmes of solos, duos and trios by *Leclair.* Simon Standage, violin, Micaela Comberti, violin, Richard Tunnicliffe, cello, Maggie Cole, harpsichord, perform Sonata in E *minor,* Op 5 No 3; Trio sonata in F, Op 4 No 4; Sonata in D, Op 5 No 8)
1.55 Poet of the Month: C.H. Sisson *explains his* admiration for the Somerset countryside and reads some *of his poems inspired by the* landscape
2.00 From the Festivals 1989: *Edinburgh Festival. Oslo PO* under Mariss Jansons performs Struass (Don *Juan); Grieg (Piano* Concerto in A minor), incl 2.50 Interval Reading 2.55 *Brahms (Symphony No 2 in* D)
3.40 Debut: Brindisi Quartet, Jacqueline Shave, violin, Patrick Kiernan, violin, Katie Wilkinson, viola, Robert Irvine, cello, performs Mozart (Quartet in A, K 464)
4.20 Jazz Record Requests with *Peter Clayton*
5.05 Critics' Forum: Richard Cork, in the chair, discusses *this week's subjects with* Margaret Forster, Victoria Glendinning and John Peter, including Paul Greengrass's film *Resurrected;* David Mamet's *Prairie du Chien;* and *Othello,* directed by Trevor Nunn at the Young Vic
6.00 Don Carlos: The opening night of the new season, live from the Vienna State Opera. Pier Luigi Pizzi's production of Verdi's opera uses the 1886 Italian version. Performed by the Vienna State Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Claudio Abbado, Ruggiero Raimondi, bass, Luis Lima, tenor, Renato Bruson, baritone, Mirella Freni, soprano, Agnes Baltsa, *mezzo-soprano,* Gabriele Sima, soprano, Anatoli Kotscherga, bass, Peter *Jelosits, tenor, Goran Simic,* bass. Sung in Italian. Acts 1, 2 and 3 (see Choice), incl *8.20 Schiller's Posa.* Verdi's Don Carlos was based on Schiller's play, written 80 years earlier. Nicholas Hytner, who has produced Schiller's drama at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre, talks *about the themes of the* play with Rodney Milnes (r) 8.50 Acts 4 and 5
10.00 *Myaskovsky: The Leningrad* Taneyev Quartet perform String Quartet No 3
10.30 Studio 3: Joseph Dintenfass, by David Mamet (see Choice)
10.55 C.P.E. Bach: L'Ecole D'Orphée performs Trio sontatas in *A minor, Wq* 148; in A, Wq 146 (r)
11.25 Krystian Zimerman plays *Chopin's F minor Fantaisie* and a group of Waltzes
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: Shows at Ashover and Aylesbury are compared by Dylan Winter 6.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today with Peter Hobday and Chris Lowe, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport On 4: Cliff Morgan reports on the *Prix de L'Arc* de Triomphe in Paris
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and *travel news with Bernard* Falk and Nigel Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin, with guests Jonathan Ross, Arthur Smith and Emma Freud (s)
11.00 News: Conference Special: Labour. Peter Jenkins, associate editor of *The Independent, reviews* events at last week's Labour Party conference in *Brighton*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box: The 1989-90 Unit Trust Managers' Portfolio. Best investment prospects over the next 12 months are judged by leading fund managers. *Presented by Louise Botting*
12.25pm The House: Last of eight political dramas by former lobby and defence correspondent Christopher Lee. Starring Julian Glover as Charles Bannister, Timothy West as Dougal Baxter, Sarah Badel as Mary Bannister, David Ryall as Denis Wigton, and Christopher Benjamin as Henry Colville (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Hove, Sussex, with Paddy Ashdown, MP, Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Bryan Gould, MP and Ron Todd, general secretary of the TGWU (r)
2.00 News; Any Answers? 01-580 4411. Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls *on topics raised* in this week's *Any Questions?*
2.30 Goodnight to Flamboro: *Play* by Martin Wade. With Douglas Hodge as William Baines and Anne Stallybrass as Mrs Baines (see Choice) (s) (r)
4.00 News: Age to Age (new series): Barry Cunliffe presents the programme where the past speaks to the present. This week, Sean Street investigates the treatment of the poor in Britain
4.30 Science Now with Peter Evans
5.00 Black Sheep: Jenny Cuffe meets a Roman Catholic, *Eileen Bell, who married a* Protestant in Northern Ireland (r)
5.25 *Week Ending: Satirical* review of the week's news, with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News: Sports round-up
6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson listens-in to conversations taking place *in pubs,* clubs and drawing rooms around the country
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: Roses Have Thorns, by Ivor Wilson. Geoffrey Banks as Frank Carter, who decides to take early retirement from teaching (s)
9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with best-loved melodies (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: Led by Rev Stephen Oliver (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Tales of a Man Called Father: Written and read by Ronnie Knox Mawer
10.30 The Saturday Feature: The Call of the Celts. How an excavation on a Derbyshire hill affected the people living *nearby (s)*
11.00 Lenin of the Rovers: Alexei Sayle as Ricky Lenin, in the *first of eight comedy* dramas about Britain's first communist football club. 1: Up for the Coup (r)
11.30 Arnold Brown And Company (new series): The Glaswegian comedian, with Chris Campbell, David Charles, Emma Clarke and Judy Hawkins, present a selection of monologues, *sketches and regular* features
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 *Shipping* Forecast
FM as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30 Staying on Course 4.50 *Education Comment* 5.00 The German Renascence 5.30 Get By in Arabic

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SUNDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

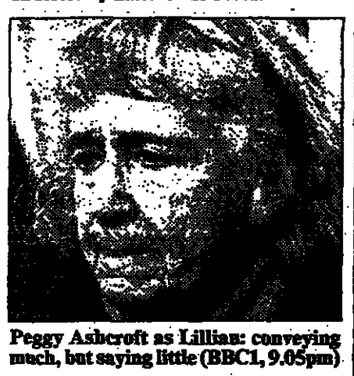
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Prisoners in two minds

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● *In Stephen Poliakoff's* **She's Been Away** (BBC1, 9.05pm), Peggy Ashcroft plays Lillian, who has spent 60 years in mental homes and is now coming out to stay with her city financier nephew (James Fox) and his spoiled bitch wife (Geraldine James). Since the old lady remembers nothing of the past, Ashcroft has one of those parts which challenge the actress to convey much while saying little. James has the meatier role and the story becomes as much hers as Lillian's, as parallels are made between the old lady's literal prison and the younger woman's symbolic one, trapped among the luxury of two servants and a Jaguar in a dead relationship with an unfeeling husband. This central theme is strongly treated, thanks to sensitive writing and two superb performances which brought Ashcroft and James the joint best actress award at the Venice Film Festival. But the piece suffers from trying to incorporate too many side issues and the insistence of the director, Peter Hall, on losing no opportunity to deck it out with unnecessary naturalistic detail.



Peggy Ashcroft as Lillian: conveying much, but saying little (BBC1, 9.05pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● Don't expect any startling new revelations about Jack Lemmon in **Desert Island Discs** (Radio 4, 12.15pm). Self-evidently, he is a "regular guy", basically uncomplicated, mad on jazz, and eager to be judged by the whole body of his work rather than any one role. If Sue Lawley *does* draw anything from him that is new to me, it is that his middle name is Uhler and that when he and Tony Curtis dressed up as girls for *Some Like it Hot*, they put their disguise to the test by hobbling into a ladies' toilet. There *is*, however, one startling revelation today, but it concerns Sue Lawley. She tells Lemmon that Britain has very little to offer that can rival the Oscar. Organisers of the Bafta and BFI awards aren't going to like that.

BBC 1

8.55 It's My Pleasure. Desmond Lynam talks to Thora Hird about her favourite television moments (r)
9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's farmhouse in Gloucestershire
10.00 Film: Geordie (1955) starring Alastair Sim and Bill Travers. The gently comic tale of a young Highlander who secretly enrols on a body-building course and achieves Olympic status as a hammer-thrower. Directed by Frank Launder **11.30 Barney Bear** (r)
11.40 See Hear! Includes a report from Deaf Way, a celebration of deaf culture and language held this summer in Washington DC, attended by some 6,000 deaf and hearing people from 76 countries
12.30 Country File. Anne Brown with the second of two reports on the Government's "Set Aside" scheme (postponed from last Sunday) **12.55 Weather**
1.0 News with Moira Stuart. Followed by **On the Record.** On the eve of the Conservative party conference, an interview with the Party chairman, Kenneth Baker. Plus, a report on the new Tory secret for campaign success **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: San Demetrio, London (1943, b/w) starring Walter Fitzgerald and Mervyn Johns. Second World War Merchant Navy drama, based on fact, about a British tanker carrying 12,000 tons of oil, that is shelled by a German battleship in November 1940, 900 miles from Britain. The crew struggle to contain the flames and also to keep the vessel afloat long enough to reach home. Directed by Charles Frend
4.35 The Horse of the Year Show from Wembley Arena. David Vine reviews a week of competition which ended last night. The commentators are Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hadley
5.20 The Clothes Show. Includes make-up advice from Barbara Daly; and the renaissance of the parka. Presented by Selina Scott, Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Raj Dhanda
5.45 My Family and Other Animals. Episode six of the 10-part adaptation of Gerald Durrell's autobiography of his early years. Starring Brian Blessed and Hannah Gordon (r). (Ceefax)
6.15 Stepping Up. The first of an eight-part series presented by Max Boyce and Gilly Coman designed to help people who have difficulty reading and writing
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from Banbridge, County Down. (Ceefax)
7.15 First of the Summer Wine. On September 3 1939, young Clegg wonders why, on a Sunday, you are not allowed to play football but can start a war. On top of that Clegg is also bemused by the unseemly haste in which his cousin Brad had got married the day before. (Ceefax)
7.45 Howards' Way. Tom Howard is convinced that there is a conspiracy to discredit Leo; and Frere tells Gerald Urquhart of a plan to develop the Mermaid Yard as a marina. (Ceefax)
8.35 Bread. The Boswells are thrown into confusion by Aveline's phantom pregnancy; Freddie Boswell is again captivated by Lilo Li; and Billy is upset that his newly-divorced wife has a boyfriend. (Ceefax)
9.05 Film: She's Been Away (1989). (Ceefax) (see Choice): Interview with Stephen Poliakoff, page 41
10.45 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
11.00 Everyman: Back to Edge. Ten Vietnam war veterans return to Hanoi and meet some of their former enemies (r)
11.50 Network East (r) **12.30am Weather**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with an RSPB film **7.00 It's Stardust.** Children's programmes introduced by Alvin Stardust
8.00 News followed by **Anne Diamond on Sunday.** The guests include the Tory Party chairman Kenneth Baker. Reviewing the day's newspapers are Chantal Cuer and John Stalker
9.25 The Disney Club
10.45 Link. A report from the Greek island of Leros where the mentally ill and physically handicapped are kept in concentration camp-type conditions
11.00 Morning Worship. A Harvest Thanksgiving service from the David Livingstone Memorial Centre, Blantyre
12.00 The Human Factor. Peter Williams investigates the background to Terry Waite and what motivated him in his desire to see hostages released
12.30 The Smurfs (r) **12.45 Police 5** with Shaw Taylor **12.55 LWT News** and weather
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 The Walden Interview. Brian Walden talks to the Environment Secretary Chris Patten. Does his appointment mean a significant change in the Government's policy on the environment?
2.00 Coronation Street. Omnibus edition (r)
3.00 Film: McCloud — Fire! (1976) starring Dennis Weaver. A made-for-television drama in which the policeman hunts for an arsonist after his girlfriend's nephew is killed by a fire in her apartment. Directed by Lou Antonio
5.00 Classmates. Sarah Kennedy introduces a fashion designer to her former school chums and her first boyfriend
5.30 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford's guests are Dame Judi Dench, Shirley Bassey, Belinda Carlisle, Yahoo Serious and Michael Parkinson. The guest critics are Josie Lawrence and Clive Barker
6.30 News and weather **6.35 LWT News** and weather
6.40 Highway. The 250th edition and Sir Harry Secombe visits Hereford. Among those he meets are Roy Castle and Beryl Reid
7.15 Close to Home. Comedy series starring Paul Nicholas as a vet with an ex-wife, children and an assistant who hates animals
7.45 Film: The Jewel of the Nile (1985) starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito. In this adventure sequel to *Romancing the Stone*, Joan Wilder grows bored after a six months cruise on Jack's yacht and agrees to write the biography of a mysterious Arab sheikh — after she has been abducted and Jack's boat has been blown up. Directed by Lewis Teague. (Oracle)
9.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **10.00 LWT Weather**
10.05 Hale & Pace. Comedy sketches and impersonations
10.35 The South Bank Show. A film following Tom Kenealy as he retraces the journey he made in Eritrea two years ago when researching his novel *Towards Asmara*, a book about the politics of famine
11.35 The World of Golf includes Andrew Reynolds on golfing holidays in Portugal
12.05am The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.05 Best and Marsh: The Perfect Match. George and Rodney on Liverpool in the 1970s
1.35 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions
2.05 Indy Cart Racing from the United States
4.00 The Silk Road. Along the Southern Road of Iran to Persepolis
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

7.30 Playbus (r) **7.55 Jimbo and the Jet Set** (r) **8.00 Is That a Fact?** (r) **8.15 Smoggies.** A new cartoon series **8.40 Umbrella.** Children's religious series **8.55 The Hallo Spencer Show!** Puppets
9.15 Corners (r) **9.30 Visionaries** (r) **9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r)
10.45 Bluebirds. Episode one (r) **11.10 Boxpops** (r) **11.50 The O Zone.** Pop music magazine
12.05 Film: Elvis — That's the Way It Is (1970). Elvis Presley during his 1969 comeback tour. Directed by Denis Sanders
1.50 Forged Papers. Five Britons who spent the war in the south of France trying to avoid the Gestapo (r)
2.40 International Hockey. England v Australia at Luton
4.15 The Armada: The Last Crusade. The first of three programmes examining the events of 1588 (r). (Ceefax)
5.05 Rugby Special. France v the British Isles; Durham v Lancashire
6.05 Harry Worth in *A Policeman's Lot* (b/w). (r)
6.40 Juke Box Jury. Among those on the panel are Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders
7.15 The Natural World: Ivory Wars. The fight to protect elephants from poachers. (Ceefax)
8.05 Film: The Boat (1981). Part four, and the crew of submarine U-96 have a short break from hostilities when ordered to the neutral port of Vigo to undergo repairs. Directed by Wolfgang Petersen. English subtitles
9.00 The Artist's Eye. A portrait of John Kiki. (Ceefax)
9.30 Film: About Last Night (1986) starring Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, James Belushi and Elizabeth Perkins. Comedy drama about two friends, the stars of the Chicago singles scene, who clash when one of them falls in love. Directed by Edward Zwick. (Ceefax)
11.20 Rapido (r). Ends at **11.55**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hallelujah! Gospel music **6.30 Flight** over Spain. Corunna from the air **7.00 Mushroom Magic** (r) **7.30 Box Office Weekly.** Entertainments guide **8.00 David the Gnome 8.30 Ramona.** Serial **9.00 Dennis.** Cartoon
9.25 Orientations. A new 10-part magazine series on Europe's Asian communities
10.00 Australian Rules Football. Hawthorn v Geelong
11.00 Pob's Programme (r) **11.30 The Henderson Kids 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Lost in Space**
2.00 Grizedale — a Sense of Place. The story of the Grizedale Forest Sculpture Project, situated in the southern Lake District
3.00 Channel 4 Racing International from Longchamp. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the **3.10, 3.45, 4.25 (Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe)** and **5.10** races
5.25 News summary and weather
5.30 American Football. Highlights and previews presented by Mick Luckhurst
6.30 The Wonder Years. Comedy serial about growing up in the United States during the 1960s, starring Fred Savage as 12-year-old Kevin
7.00 Equinox: The Invasion of the Body Scanners. How scientists have discovered a harmless way to see inside a living body
8.00 The Media Show. This first of a new series investigates press coverage of the Broadwater Farm police raid
9.00 Film: Shadow of a Doubt (1943, b/w) starring Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright. Thriller about a psycopathic killer who lives the life of an upright citizen in a small California town. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock
11.00 American Football. New York Giants at the Philadelphia Eagles
12.30am Pat Metheny. The guitarist recorded in concert in Montreal (r). Ends at **1.35**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **10.00am** Separate Tables **10.40** See Hear! **11.30** Time For Sport **12.30pm-1.00** Farming in Wales **12.30am-12.35** News and weather SCOTLAND: **5.45pm-6.15** Attic Archives **6.40-7.15** Athonn Nan Iasgair

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Farming Diary **2.00** Highway to Heaven **3.00** Film. Will Any Gentleman? **4.30-5.00** Wheels of Fortune **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Hodson Confidential **1.00** Film: High Price of Passion **3.00** Transmission **4.00** Throb **4.30-5.00** Pick of the Week

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Here and Now **2.00** Highway to Heaven **3.00** Film: Will Any Gentleman? **4.30-5.00** Wheel of Fortune **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: The Spirit of St Louis **3.00** Chart Show **3.55** Pick of the Week **4.25-5.00** Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except: **12.35pm** Les Français Chez-Vous **12.50-1.00** TV Garden **11.35** Music Makers **12.05am** Sledge Hammer! **12.35** Film. Farrell for the People **2.20** Pick of the Week **2.50** Extra Dimensions **3.50** Coast to Coast People **4.20-5.00** ALF

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Landmark **3.00** Highway to Heaven **4.00** A Personal View (Mary Marquis) **4.30** Classmates **5.00** Scotsport **6.00-6.30** Scotland's War **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Quiz Night **1.00** Film: Planet of the Apes **3.05** Pick of the Week **3.35** Chart Show **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

GRANADA As London except: **12.30pm** This is Your Right **12.50-1.00** App Kaa Hak **2.00** Film: Seventh Dawn **4.30** Classmates **5.00** All Clued Up **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Quiz Night **1.00** Film: Planet of the Apes **3.05** Pick of the Week **3.35** Chart Show **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** West Country Farming **2.00** Pilgrimages **2.30-5.00** Film. Memory of Eva Ryker **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.35am** Chart Show **1.35** Derrick **2.50** Hit Man and Her **3.50** Outsiders **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **12.00-12.30pm** Wales on Sunday **2.00-2.30pm** Day Return

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Farming News **2.00** Film: Pleasure of his Company **4.00** Sunday Sport **4.30** Classmates **5.00** ALF **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.45** Crime Story **12.30am** Quiz Night **1.00** Film: Planet of the Apes **3.05** Pick of the Week **3.35** Chart Show **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Cover Story **11.35** Music Makers **12.05am** Sledge Hammer! **12.35** Film: Farrell for the People **2.20** Pick of the Week **2.50** Extra Dimensions **3.50** Coast to Coast People **4.15** ALF **4.45-5.00** Fun in the Sun

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Jack Thompson Down Under **2.00** Classmates **2.30-3.00** ALF **5.00** Landmark **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.35** Inner Space **12.05am** Jerusalem **12.30** Quiz Night **1.00** Film: Planet of the Apes **3.05** Pick of the Week **3.35** Chart Show **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Preview **2.00** Farming Ulster **2.30** Film: Mission Galactica **4.30-5.00** What On Earth are we Doing? **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street **11.35** Hepburn and Tracy **12.30am** Quiz Night **1.00** Film: Planet of the Apes **3.05** Pick of the Week **3.35** Chart Show **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.25pm** Goals on Sunday **12.50-1.00** News **5.30-6.30** Highway to Heaven **11.35** Scrumdown **12.35am** Chart Show **1.35** Pick of the Week **2.05** Burke's Law **3.00** Grand Ole Opry **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

S4C Starts: **5.00am** Early Morning **9.00** Helping Henry **9.15** Hafoc **10.00** World This Week **11.00** Pob's Programme **11.30** Henderson Kids **12.00** Waltons **1.00pm** Star Test **1.30** A Family at War **2.30** Irish Railways **3.00** International Racing **5.30** American Football **6.30** Wonder Years **7.00** O Bedwar Ban **7.15** Sam Tan **7.25** News **7.30** Camwn Molamwnn **8.00** Hel Straen **8.30** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol **9.00** Amser Rhyfel **9.40** Y Duw Byw **9.45** Killing the Dragon **10.45** Mowe Museum **11.00** American Football **12.30am** Pat Metheny **1.35** Closedown

RTE 1 Starts: **9.35am** Japanese for Beginners **10.05** Alles Gute **10.20** When in Italy **10.45** Rockschool **11.15** Service **12.00** Spirit of Adventure **12.45pm** Vinland Mystery **1.25** All About Bears **1.30** The World — A Television History **1.55** Art of Flowers **2.25** Sign of the Times **2.55** Film. A Farewell to Arms **5.40** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Iris 89 **6.35** Van Dyke Show **7.05** Murder. She Wrote: Mirror, Mirror. On the Wall **8.00** Where in the World? **8.30** Glenroe **9.00** News **9.20** Make Mine Music **10.15** Wish Me Luck **11.15** Hanly's People **11.45** News. Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: **10.15am** Dot and the Smugglers **11.30** Beat Box **1.30pm** Drama with Anna **2.00** Masterworks **2.10** Festival **4.20** Celebration **5.30** Piano Plus **6.00** Family Ties **6.25** Travelin' Gourmet **6.55** Nuacht **7.00** Newsweek **7.30** Fair City **8.00** Testament **9.00** Game, Set and Match **10.00** Film: Hard Country **11.50** Closedown

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

7.00am The Hour of Power **8.00** Fun Factory **12.00** Beyond 2000 **1.00pm** That's Incredible **2.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 **3.00** The Incredible Hulk **4.00** Emergency **5.00** Eight is Enough **6.00** Family Ties **7.00** 21 Jump Street **8.00** Jericho Mile **10.00** Entertainment This Week **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** The Paper Chase **12.30am** Countdown

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News Overnight **5.30** Fashion TV **6.30** The Best of the Frank Bough Interview **7.30** Roving Report **8.30** Those Were The Days **9.30** The Wall Street Journal **10.30** Fashion TV **11.30** Our World — The Human Face of the Pacific **12.30pm** The Editors **1.30** Those Were The Days **2.30** The Wall Street Journal **3.30** Entertainment This Week **4.30** Our World **5.30** Fashion TV **6.30** Entertainment This Week **7.30** Those Were The Days **8.30** The Editors **9.30** Meet The Press **10.30** Roving Report **11.30** Entertainment This Week **12.30am** The Editors **1.30** Entertainment This Week **2.30** Meet The Press **3.30** Entertainment This Week **4.30** Roving Report

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm Project X (1987): Matthew Broderick as an air force cadet, assigned to train chimpanzees on flight simulators **4.00 The Man With One Red Shoe** (1985): Tom Hanks as a musician, mistaken for a spy **6.00 The Purple Rose of Cairo** (1985): Depression-era romance, starring Mia Farrow. Directed by Woody Allen **8.00 The Pick-Up Artist** (1987): Robert Downey, jun. as a womaniser who becomes obsessed with a teenage girl (Molly Ringwald) **10.00 The Honorary Consul** (1983): A story of illicit love and political intrigue. Starring Richard Gere and Michael Caine **11.45 Mona Lisa** (1986): Starring Bob Hoskins and Cathy Tyson **1.30am The Supergrass** (1985): The Comic Strip team in a comedy about drug-smuggling in Devon **4.00 Gorky Park** (1983): William Hurt as a Soviet police detective investigating a triple murder in Moscow

EUROSPORT

10.00am Paris-Tours Cycling **11.00** German Masters Golf **1.00pm** Men's Indoor Tennis **4.00** Trans World Sport **5.00** World Cup Football **6.00** The Tooheys 1000 Motor Race **7.00** Paris-Tours Cycling **8.00** German Masters Golf **10.00** Men's Indoor Tennis **12.00** Football

MTV

7.00am Ray Cokes **11.30** The Big Picture **12.00** European Top 20 **1.30pm** Marcel Vanthilt **6.00** MTV Classics **7.00** Kristiane Backer **11.30** Week in Rock **12.00** XPO **1.00am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.00am Auto Racing **3.00** Argentinian Football **4.45** Spanish Soccer **6.30** Rugby League **8.00** US College Football **10.00** NFL '89 Game of the Week **12.00** Spanish Soccer **1.45pm** Rugby **3.15** Horse Racing **4.00** NFL '89 Highlights **5.00** Motorsport **6.00** Baseball **8.30** US College Football **10.30** Cycling **11.30** Rugby

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Cisco Kid **12.30pm** Car 54, Where Are You? **1.00** Get Smart **1.30** Make Room for Daddy **2.00** Texas Championship Rodeo **3.00** GLOW **4.00** Short Story Theatre **4.30** Afternoon Cinema

RADIO 1

FM Stereo — all day in London, the Midlands, the North, South Wales, Avon and Somerset, Oxfordshire, central Scotland and Belfast, and between **5.00** and **7.00pm** nationally and **MW** News on the half hour from **5.30am** until **12.30pm**, then at **2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30**
5.00am Tim Smith **7.00** Bruno Brookes Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **12.30pm** Pick of the Pops **3.00** Philip Schofield **4.00** The Chart Quiz **4.30** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** The Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00-2.00am** Scott on Sunday

RADIO 2

FM Stereo Headlines **7.30am 4.00am** David Allan **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Your Radio 2 All-Time Greats **2.00pm** Gilbert and Sullivan: **2.05** HMS Pinafore, Act 1 **3.20** HMS Pinafore, Act 2 **4.00** Fine Arts Brass **4.30** Sing Something Simple (**5.00 FM** joins Radio 1) **7.00** Stilgoe's Around **7.30** The John Fox Concerts **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Bill Le Sage **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Tomás Luis de Victoria: In the first of four programmes, Westminster Cathedral Choir under David Hill perform Mass and Motet, Ascendens Christi
7.30 News
7.35 Sur les pointes: Offenbach (Overture, La Belle Hélène: Berlin PO under Karajan); Rameau (Suite, Les Boréades: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Brüggen); Messager (Suite, Les Deux Pigeons: Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden under Charles Mackerras)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: anon, 15th century (Alleluia, A Newë Work: Hilliard Ensemble; Dindirindin: Hesperion XX); Matheo Flecha (La Bomba: Hesperion XX); Stravinsky (Le Roi des étoiles: Berlin RSO under Riccardo Chailly; Berlin Radio Chorus); Mozart (Concerto for two pianos in E flat: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner, Alfred Brendel and Imogen Cooper, pianos); Ohana (Cantiga del Azahar: Choeur Contemporain under Roland Hayrabedian); Bach (Suite No 3 in C, BWV 1009: Pablo Casals, cello); Rubbra (Improvisations on Virginal Pieces by Giles Farnaby: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Hans-Hubert Schönzeler); Host (The Hymn of Jesus: LPO under Charles Groves; London Symphony Chorus; Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral)
10.30 Music Weekly with Michael Oliver. Messa per Rossini — the story of a remarkable collaborative venture is told by Julian Budden; Mr Bass-Man — a conversation with Gary Karr; An International Memorial — the BP Peter Pears Award is discussed by Dame Gwyneth Jones, the Earl of Harewood and Lyndon van der Pump; The National Gallery Concerts — John Lucas looks back 50 years
11.15 Messiaen and Berlioz: The BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton performs Messiaen (Poèmes pour Mi); Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique) (r)
12.45 Silver Duo: Noreen Silver, cello, Philip Silver, piano, perform Myaskovsky (Sonata No 2); Stravinsky, arr Piatigorsky (Suite italienne) (r)
1.30 Mozart: The Wind Soloists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe perform Serenade in B flat for 13 wind instruments, K 361
2.30 Chopin: The pianist Janina Fialkowska performs Four Scherzos
3.15 Poet of the Month: C.H. Sisson reads his theological and meditative poem, The Usk
3.20 Taneyev: Matisse Piano Quartet performs Piano Quartet in E, Op 20 (r)
4.00 Karajan Conducts Brahms: Berlin PO performs Symphonies Nos 3 in F; 4 in E minor
5.20 Fischer-Dieskau Sings Schoenberg: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, Aribert Reimann, piano, with a recital of Schoenberg Lieder given at the 1988 Berlin Festival. Die Aufgeregten; Der Wanderer; Drüben geht die Sonne scheiden; Gedenken; Warnung; Geübtes Herz; Alles; Sommermüd; Tot; Erwartung; Verlassen; Ich darf nicht dankend an dir niedersinken; Traumleben; Dainem Blick mich zu bequemen; Alle wliche dich suchen; Am Strande; Der verlorene Haufen
6.15 Sailing without an Anchor: That Inherent Weakness. The last of five documentaries about the United States National Security Council, presented by Michael Charlton
7.00 Music for Guitar: Vladimir Mikulka performs Dowland (Lachrimae); Le Roy (Passamezzo); Weiss (Tombeau sur la mort de M le Comte de Logy); Bach, ed Mikulka (Sonata, BWV 1001) (r)
7.30 Britten: War Requiem: Live from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in the presence of Princess Margaret. Performed by the Hallé Orchestra under Stanislaw Skrowaczewski; Hallé Choir under Ronald Frost
9.05 Nelli Shkolnikova: The violinist performs attrib Vitali (Chaconne); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 47 "Kreutzer"); Tchaikovsky (Melody, Op 42 No 3; Valse Scherzo, Op 34) (r)
10.05 Third Ear: Soviet poet and writer Yevgeny Yevtushenko talks to Paul Allen (r)
10.30 Choral Evensong: Recorded in King's College, Cambridge
11.25 My Lady Nevell's Book: Lucy Carolan plays harpsichord music by William Byrd (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

WORLD SERVICE

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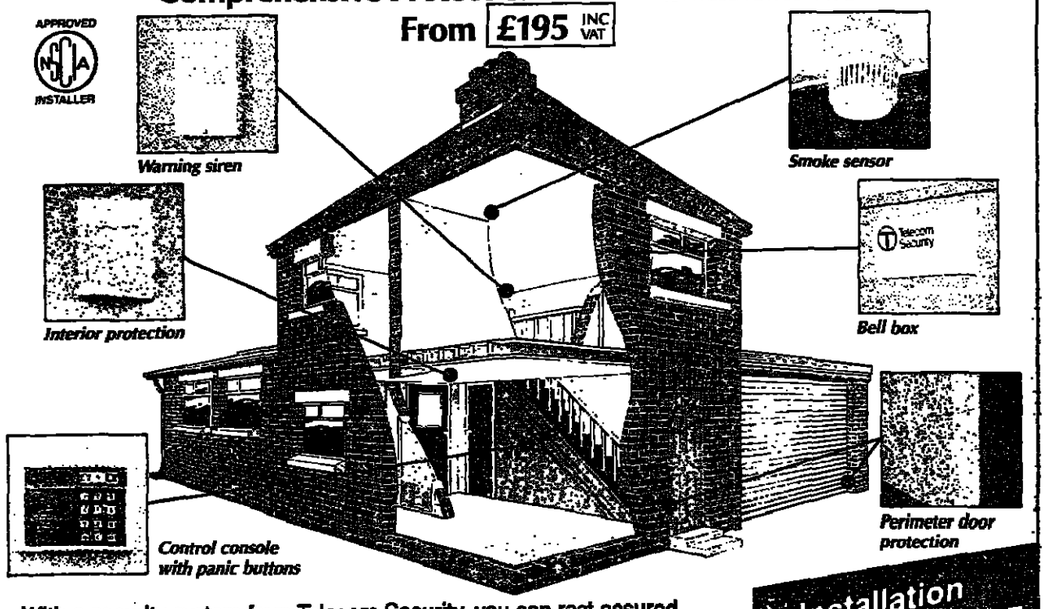
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5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** Morning has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell visits the Pitcher family who have reclaimed 60 acres of salt marsh from the Wash **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Appeal by Brian Johnston on behalf of the Orchard Vale Trust, which runs communities for mentally-handicapped young adults **8.55** Weather
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Peter's Church, Bengeworth, Evesham, Worcestershire
10.15 The Archers omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand with Philippa Kennedy
11.30 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley talks to actor Jack Lemmon (s) (see Choice) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World this Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Presented by Clay Jones
2.30 No Name, by Wilkie Collins: Third episode of a six-part dramatization (r)
3.30 Man of Action, Man of Conscience: Cecil Lewis, former pilot in the First World War and founder member of the BBC, who is now 91, talks to Colin Semper about his remarkable life
4.00 The Countryside in Autumn: Mollie Harris reports on the effect this year's mild weather is having on Britain's birds
4.47 Treasure Islands (new series): Children's book programme with Michael Rosen (r)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Martyn Lewis, a long-time supporter of the hospice movement, visits Strathcarron Hospice at Denny in Stirlingshire
5.40 First Person — Second Time: John Pilkington on the lure of travel (r) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Satanic Scientist: The story of Edward Pearson, a Victorian clergyman who falsified scientific experiments
6.30 The Root of the Matter: Reports on local issues from villages, towns and cities of Britain. Presented by John Thirlwell
7.00 News; Cat's Whiskers: Presented by Julie First and Adrian Moorhouse, with birthday guest Steve Cram
7.30 Bookshelf: Martin Cruz Smith talks to Nigel Forde about his new book Polar Star, sequel to Gorky Park (r)
8.00 Last Chance to See (new series): Douglas Adams and zoologist Mark Carwardine travel to six exotic locations looking for specific, rare and endangered animals (r)
8.30 The Chinese People Stand Up (new series): Elizabeth Wright presents six programmes in which the Chinese people give an account of 40 years of communist rule (r)
9.00 News; Just Three Wishes: Robert Booth offers three wishes to Diane Abbott, Britain's first black woman MP (s) (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme with Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Auntie's English: David Crystal looks at changes in attitude to the English language over seven decades of broadcasting (r)
11.00 The Christian Centuries: Brian Redhead continues his survey of the period of world history dominated by Christianity. This week he visits a convent on the Rhine and meets the Abbess Hildegard of Bingen (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Ripe for Change. Against the background of a world in need, Paul Johns reflects on the celebration of harvest
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as **LW** except:
1.55-2.00pm Programme News
4.00-6.00 Options: **4.00** The Health Show with Angela Rippon and guests **5.00** Using your Wordpower (new series) **5.30** Language Extra

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Old people evacuated as toxic cloud covers towns

By Peter Davenport

Residents of an old people's home and two factories were evacuated yesterday when a mile-long cloud of toxic fumes drifted across towns on Merseyside yesterday. Thousands of other people were told to stay indoors, while schools were instructed not to let children into playgrounds.

Police toured the towns of Rainhill, Whiston and St Helens broadcasting the warning after the accidental mixing of two chemicals at a factory produced a plume of cyanide-based gas.

Motorists were told to drive with the windows of their cars closed and train drivers told not to stop at Rainhill station. A team of Swiss scientists were flown in to advise firemen and factory officials on the best way to tackle the cloud.

The alert at the insulation manufacturing firm, Hemsac, of Stoney Lane, Rainhill, Merseyside, began on Wednesday, when 12 tons of icocyanate was accidentally mixed with four tons of polyol.

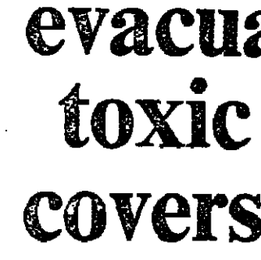
The two chemicals reacted and started a fire which firemen spent all day Thursday damping down. Everything was believed to be under control but yesterday morning a workman entering the factory discovered it was filled with white fumes, which were seeping from windows.

Nearby roads were sealed off as fire crews struggled to contain the gas cloud. However, it was estimated to be a mile long and drifting north-east across Merseyside by lunchtime yesterday.

Although police said they had received no reports of injuries, some residents later complained of stinging eyes and sore throats.

The scientists said they had never come across a mixture of the two chemicals.

Merseyside Fire Brigade said last night it had averted the risk of an explosion and although the gas continued to escape it was being dealt with by fire crews and the cloud of fumes was said to be dispersing satisfactorily.



Nuns in fight to save their flock



Sister Catherine, the Mother Superior, outside the monastery in Daventry yesterday.



Animal rights campaigners protesting at the monastery.



A TV crew trying to interview the nuns in the chicken shed.

By Craig Seton

Nuns from an order which takes vows of meekness and humility defiantly locked themselves in a chicken house yesterday and successfully prevented government officials from slaughtering half their flock of 10,000 egg-producing hens.

Veterinary officials from the Ministry of Agriculture had arrived at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Passion at Daventry, Northamptonshire, to slaughter the 5,000 laying chickens under government regulations because they said salmonella had been found among the birds.

However, when they turned up yesterday morning with a team of eight sub-contractors to slaughter the birds, they found six of the 13 sisters had left the monastery and locked themselves in one of two large wooden chicken sheds. They remained inside for over three hours to protect the chickens and only left when they had to take morning prayers in the monastery's chapel at the rural retreat. The ministry officials temporarily withdrew to consider what to do next to overcome the unexpected resistance which occurred amid confusing scenes at the monastery, based in a large country house on a hill outside Daventry.

Animal rights campaigners stood outside, carrying a banner accusing the nuns of being "sisters of torture". They said it was better that the chickens should be slaughtered than endure a life in battery cages.

The nuns belong to an autonomous contemplative order with strict vows. But the sisters temporarily put them aside to take yesterday's action because they said the slaughter of half their hens, which produce 4,000 eggs a day for sale to the public, would destroy their main source of income, although they are now investigating chocolate production.

The Ministry of Agriculture decided to slaughter 5,000 of the sisters' chickens after salmonella infection was found among the birds during tests conducted last month. They were carried out after reports that eggs which had caused food poisoning in Bedworth, Warwickshire in June, had been traced back to the monastery.

Sister Catherine, the Mother Superior, an American in her 80s, said the slaughter would be "unjust and iniquitous". The 13 nuns sought the help of the egg producers association, which resists government-ordered slaughter of infected flocks.

The association took legal advice and advised the nuns that although the ministry had the power to slaughter flocks, it had no legal right to enter their property.

During yesterday's confusion, Mrs Myriam Warburton, the ministry's divisional veterinary officer, held talks with Mother Catherine, who formally refused her entry to conduct the slaughter.

Last night the Ministry of Agriculture maintained that it still intended to slaughter the birds and warned that the nuns could be committing the offence of obstruction.

Mother Catherine, clearly tired after the morning's excitement, later acknowledged to journalists that the ministry's withdrawal would mean only a temporary reprieve. She said: "If good does not speak out, evil will thrive."

She said there was no proven link between salmonella in chickens and salmonella caused by eggs and said that the food poisoning which had led the ministry to test her flock was caused by a different strain of salmonella than that subsequently found at the monastery.

She said: "If I thought there was a danger to the public, we would be willing to let them be killed, but this particular strain in our chickens has been found in chickens since 1913. It is extremely unfair. I do not know how we would survive if it goes ahead."

Panama 'fiasco' inquiry ordered

From Martin Fletcher
Washington

Mr John Sununu, the White House Chief of Staff, has ordered a top-level investigation of the Administration's botched reaction to the attempted coup in Panama on Tuesday.

Both President Bush, whose passive response has been widely criticized, and Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, were reported yesterday to be "livid" at some blatant shortcomings in co-ordination and intelligence.

According to one official the Panama-based US Southern Command told the Pentagon on Tuesday morning that the rebels "won't" turn General Noriega over to the US. It relayed a similiar message to the US Embassy in Panama which then told the State

Coup debacle 6

Department and the CIA that the rebels "want" to turn him over. Incredibly, such communications were apparently made by telephone and on poor lines.

The White House inquiry is expected to be headed by General Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Adviser, and to centre on the lack of co-ordination between key Government agencies and the chronic shortage of reliable information on which the President could make critical decisions.

Although the Administration had warning of the coup, there was no meeting to plan strategy between Mr Bush, Mr Sununu, General Scowcroft, Mr Richard Cheney, the Defence Secretary, Mr William Webster, the CIA Director and General Colin Powell, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

According to one report yesterday, General Max Thurman, Commander of the US Southern Command, turned to a senior aide during a meeting in the command's underground briefing room on Tuesday and asked who was his senior Latin American expert. "I am. I've been here two months," came the reply.

The Senate intelligence committee and the Senate armed services committee will also investigate the circumstances.

Gorbachov visit

Continued from page 1

inspire them to build a peaceful world. He said that a celebration of 40 years made a person think. "My generation is the last generation which, though it didn't take part in the war, saw it and knows what it was. We have something to tell today's youth of what sort of people we were then and are now.

"Not everything happened after the war the way we thought it would in the first days of victory. The memory of those who died makes us responsible for doing what is needed for peace.

"We live in one land, we have one civilisation, we should do everything in order to live together."

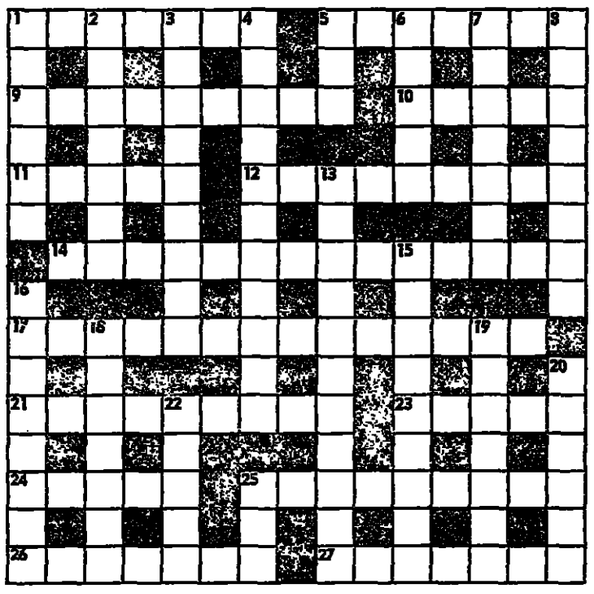
People had to exchange views and respect each other, he said.

His theme was drawn from the strong conviction of what ordinary people and not politicians felt when visiting places like the memorial.

Having said firmly that he had good relations with Herr Honecker, he was asked if perestroika was needed in East Germany. Diplomatically he sidestepped the question.

"The important thing is what the citizens of East Germany want," he said.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,107



ACROSS
1 Old or new city rate is beyond me (7).
5 Where horticultural work was suspended *in wonder* (7).
9 Money earned without having a fit (5-3).
10 Entertaining match, perhaps (5).
11 Sportsman very quietly dropped by captain (5).
12 Part I, for example (9).
14 Quality of intelligence resulting in satisfactory reports (14).
17 Petrified, as Robespierre's victims were (6-8).
21 Nothing in reply had altered solid figures (9).
23 It may be launched with the backing of accumulated funds (5).
24 Mount on centre of ice to do this? (5).
25 Quickness I'm showing in a race (9).
26 Pedestrian efforts of a member (Labour) (7).
27 Two things passing between tennis opponents in game (7).

DOWN
1 Sad as walrus, having swallowed first of oysters (6).
2 Am I to be mistaken as native of ancient kingdom? (7).
3 It's traditionally said to do the trick (3,6).
4 How a top actor went over as Romeo? (4-7).
5 Busy type in working party (3).
6 Turn over a slice off log in the wood (5).
7 Heir of ambassador and sweetheart (7).
8 Avoidance of supposedly unhealthy habits (8).
13 *Split the difference with Conservative* in dispute (11).
15 Persistent princess antagonized to some extent (9).
16 Unusual parts in play, Act I (8).
18 Revolutionary movement's description of the rich (7).
19 Strange collection of listeners cut up about it (7).
20 Mineral found in lake under ridge (6).
22 Expression of surprise as House brings in outmoded measure (5).
25 State briefly what saved the animals (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,106

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,101

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

DUMPSTER
a. A rubbish bin
b. A pop tabloid gossip columnist
c. A psephologist

POULAINE
a. Thick chicken soup
b. A kind of poultice
c. A pointed toe

BENTHOS
a. Ironical bathos
b. Bottom growths
c. The Egyptian cat god

MASSÉ
a. Infantry phalanx formation
b. Cloth embroidered with metal
c. A vertical billiards stroke

Answers on page 14

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WEATHER

The far south-west of England, western Wales, Northern Ireland and the western tip of Scotland will start cloudy with some rain throughout the day. Most central and eastern parts of the British Isles will be dry and quite bright with some sunny spells, though later in the day the cloud will increase. Coastal showers are likely in some areas bordering the North Sea. Outlook: Rain followed by brighter weather.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Majorca	25	77	f
Alicante	24	75	c	Malaga	25	77	f
Amsterdam	25	77	f	Malta	22	72	f
Algiers	25	77	s	Melbourne	15	59	f
Amsterdam	14	57	f	Mexico C*	23	73	f
Athens	17	63	c	Miami*	29	84	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	18	64	s
Barbados*	-	-	-	Montreal*	12	54	s
Barcelona	23	73	f	Moscow	3	37	r
Belgrade	15	59	f	Munich	18	64	f
Berlin	17	63	c	Nairobi	23	73	c
Bermuda*	27	81	s	Naples	22	72	s
Biarritz	18	64	c	N Delhi	32	90	s
Borde'x	19	66	f	N York*	17	63	s
Brussels	14	57	f	Nice	20	68	s
Budapest	15	59	s	Oslo	11	52	c
B Aires*	21	70	s	Paris	16	61	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Peking	18	64	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Perth	16	61	c
C'blanca	29	84	c	Prague	17	63	s
Chicago*	11	52	r	Reykjvik	7	45	c
Ch'church	8	46	c	Rhodes	21	70	s
Cologne	16	61	f	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phgn	11	52	r	Riyadh	35	95	s
Corfu	22	72	s	Rome	19	66	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Salzburg	18	61	f
Dubrovnik	19	66	s	S F'isco*	16	64	s
Faro	25	77	s	Santiago*	28	72	s
Florence	19	66	s	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Frankfurt	12	54	c	Seoul	19	66	f
Funchal	24	75	f	Sing'por	27	81	r
Geneva	15	59	c	St'kholm	10	50	d
Gibraltar	24	75	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Helsinki	7	45	s	Sydney	20	68	f
Hong K	30	86	s	Tangier	27	81	f
Innsbruck	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	17	63	f	Tenerife	28	79	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	21	70	c
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Toronto*	18	64	s
Karachi	-	-	-	Tunis	23	73	f
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	24	75	s
Le Touquet	15	59	c	Vanc'ver*	13	55	r
Lisbon	25	77	s	Venice	17	63	s
Locarno	17	63	s	Vienna	15	59	s
L Angeles*	23	73	s	Warsaw	14	57	f
Luxemburg	14	57	f	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
Luxor	36	97	s	Wel'ton	10	50	c
Madrid	23	73	s	Zurich	12	54	r

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 6.55 pm to 6.43 am
Bristol 7.05 pm to 6.52 am
Edinburgh 7.03 pm to 7.00 am
Manchester 7.01 pm to 6.53 am
Penzance 7.18 pm to 7.03 am

TOMORROW
London 6.53 pm to 6.44 am
Bristol 7.03 pm to 6.54 am
Edinburgh 7.00 pm to 7.02 am
Manchester 6.59 pm to 6.55 am
Penzance 7.16 pm to 7.05 am

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.5	-	13	55	dull
Hunstanton	4.8	.07	19	66	rain
Lowestoft	7.2	-	18	64	sunny
Clacton	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
Margate	9.3	-	22	72	sunny
Folkestone	6.9	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	2.6	.14	17	63	rain
Exmouth	4.4	.16	16	61	rain
Teignmouth	4.5	.12	16	61	sunny
Torquay	4.7	.12	17	63	bright
Penzance	7.9	.14	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.2	.09	16	61	sunny
Jersey	2.5	.03	17	63	rain
Guernsey	1.7	.06	17	63	shower
Newquay	6.9	.12	14	57	sunny
Minehead	3.5	.04	16	61	bright
B'pool Airpt	4.0	.22	15	59	sunny
Douglas	8.1	.52	14	57	sunny
B'ham Airpt	1.1	.14	14	57	rain
Bristol (Cit)	1.9	.09	16	61	rain
Leeds	2.5	.02	14	57	rain
London	4.5	.14	20	68	rain
Manchester	3.3	.13	14	57	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	2.3	.15	14	57	rain
Nottingham	3.0	.01	15	59	rain
Anglesey	7.7	.24	15	59	sunny
Cardiff (Cit'l)	4.1	.16	16	61	rain
Colwyn Bay	3.8	.32	14	57	rain
Aberdeen	2.2	.26	13	55	rain
Edinburgh	5.0	.04	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.5	.25	14	57	rain
Glasgow	6.1	.32	14	57	rain
Lerwick	0.3	.15	11	52	rain
Prestwick	6.6	.35	15	59	rain
Tiree	8.8	.38	14	57	shower
Wick	3.3	.06	13	55	rain
Belfast	7.9	.43	14	57	sunny.

These are Thursday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Herne Bay, Kent, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Mumbles, West Glamorgan, 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 9.3 hr.

GLASGOW

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.32 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

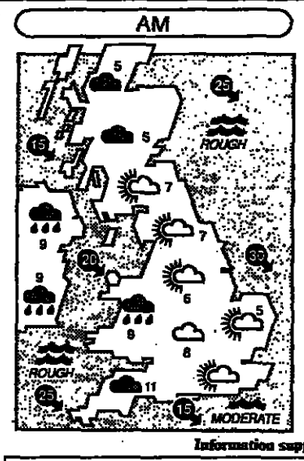
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Blackpool	14	57	r	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	15	59	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	15	59	r	M'nchster	13	55	d
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Glasgow	14	57	f	R'nldsway	15	59	c

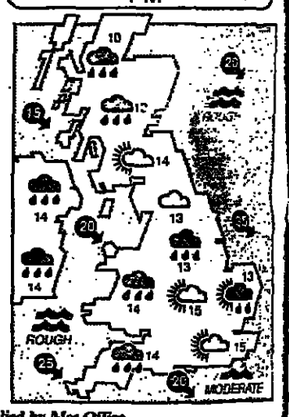
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.32	6.2	7.01	6.0	London Bridge	7.16	5.9	7.55	5.7
Aberdeen	6.25	3.4	6.36	3.5	Aberdeen	7.38	3.2	7.49	3.4
Avonmouth	11.27	10.0	11.57	9.7	Avonmouth	—	—	12.16	9.4
Belfast	4.11	2.8	4.27	3.0	Belfast	5.12	2.7	5.27	2.9
Cardiff	11.12	9.4	11.42	9.1	Cardiff	—	—	12.01	8.9
Devonport	9.58	4.6	10.27	4.3	Devonport	11.08	4.4	11.57	4.2
Dover	3.16	5.7	3.33	5.5	Dover	4.10	5.3	4.54	5.1
Falmouth	9.28	4.4	9.57	4.1	Falmouth	10.38	4.2	11.27	4.0
Glasgow	5.29	4.3	5.48	4.3	Glasgow	6.19	4.2	6.38	4.2
Harwich	4.19	3.5	4.48	3.4	Harwich	5.04	3.3	5.42	3.2
Holyhead	3.01	4.5	3.29	4.8	Holyhead	4.05	4.2	4.42	4.4
Hull	11.06	5.8	11.16	5.8	Hull	—	—	12.06	5.5
Ilfracombe	10.32	7.2	10.59	6.9	Ilfracombe	11.38	6.7	—	—
King's Lynn	10.06	5.1	10.19	5.6	King's Lynn	11.14	4.6	11.35	4.6
Leith	7.46	4.4	8.04	4.4	Leith	8.53	4.3	9.14	4.3
Liverpool	3.42	7.6	4.10	7.6	Liverpool	4.39	7.1	5.20	7.2
Lowestoft	2.05	2.2	2.48	2.1	Lowestoft	2.58	2.1	3.13	2.0
Margate	4.36	4.2	5.06	4.1	Margate	5.31	4.0	6.09	3.9
Milford Haven	10.53	5.4	11.19	5.2	Milford Haven	11.58	5.1	—	—
Newquay	9.48	5.5	10.15	5.3	Newquay	10.55	5.2	11.36	5.0
Oban	10.17	3.1	10.22	2.9	Oban	11.49	2.9	—	—
Shoreham	3.33	5.0	4.00	4.8	Shoreham	4.34	4.7	5.11	4.6
Tees	8.54	4.3	9.09	4.4	Tees	10.05	4.1	10.22	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	4.12	3.7	4.43	3.6	W'ton-on-Nze	5.00	3.5	5.44	3.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.
Times are BST

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	7.11 am	6.25 pm		7.13 am	6.23 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	3.15 pm	10.18 pm		3.49 pm	11.34 pm
First Quarter Tomorrow			First Quarter 1.52am		





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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6025 (–0.0110)

W German mark
3.0359 (–0.0055)

Exchange index
91.4 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1857.8 (–8.4)

FT-SE 100
2277.5 (–4.1)

USM (Datastream)
162.88 (–1.36)

Dollar rise continues despite intervention

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The dollar continued to strengthen yesterday, despite the rise in European interest rates on Thursday and the possibility of lower interest rates in the US.

Central banks again intervened to restrain the US currency, which traded 1 pfennig higher in London at DM1.8950.

The stronger dollar put some pressure back on sterling, which retreated from the previous day's levels, despite Bank of England sales of dollars for pounds. Sterling was down a cent at $1.6035 and 0.4 pfennigs at DM3.0374, and in terms of the effective exchange rate, it fell 0.2 to 91.4.

The pound remains close to the psychologically important level of DM3. Mr Jon Shields of Mitsubishi Bank said: "The outlook for the pound has obviously improved as a result of the Chancellor being prepared to accept political unpopularity, but it is still weak in an underlying sense. There is a danger that the authorities will be reluctant to take further steps to defend it. It could go below DM3 in the next week or so."

The stock market was volatile, with the FT-SE falling by more than 30 points at one stage as dealers went into a defensive markdown, before closing 4.1 points down at 2,277.5.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said he very much hoped interest rates would not have to rise higher than 15 per cent. But he gave a warning that they might have to stay at that level for some time.

The rise in the dollar came despite US employment data suggesting some economic slowdown last month. Traders concluded that this made a cut in US interest rates more likely. Non-farm payrolls rose by less than expected at 209,000, equivalent to only 134,000, allowing for the return to work of 75,000 striking telephone workers. The previous month's increase was also revised downwards by 20,000 to 88,000 and unemployment rose from 5.2 per cent in August to 5.3 per cent.

Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president, elaborating on the Bundesbank's decision to raise its rates by 1 percentage point, indicated its distaste for prolonged intervention to achieve a desirable pattern of exchange rates.

In a speech to bankers in Bonn he said intervention had reached remarkable levels in recent weeks and months, leading to a strong rise in the reserves of marks held by other central banks. "Intervention on the currency markets . . . achieves, if anything, only a temporary impact."

The decision to raise rates was consistent with the aims of the Group of Seven, which agreed last month that the rise in the dollar did not reflect economic fundamentals.

Herr Pohl said that for all practical purposes a currency union already existed within the European Monetary System. A realignment of EMS exchange rates would be desirable but had been ruled out politically.

"The aim of the Bundesbank . . . is monetary stability in West Germany and – under current circumstances – in Europe." Herr Pöhl said. It would have been a mistake to wait until the inflationary train had started to roll. Rates had to go up by a full point rather than half a point to prevent the resurgence of speculation about further rises.

He gave a warning that West Germany's surplus with the EC would rise this year by DM15 billion (£4.95 billion) from last year's DM81 billion and in particular would grow against countries with higher inflation, especially Britain.

Scottish TV profits warning

Scottish Television, the ITV contractor, has given warning that a slowdown in advertising revenue growth in the rest of this year will affect full-year profits.

In the six months to end-June, Scottish TV saw pre-tax profits move ahead from £2.35 million to £3.04 million, even after exceptional items of £2.28 million, relating to voluntary redundancies and retirements. The interim dividend is 5p (3.75p).

The group took a £4 million extraordinary credit from the sale of its holding in Independent Television Publications, the publisher of *TV Times*.

Scottish TV said it did not expect to see the strong advertising sales performance of the first half maintained in the second, as there had been a downturn in the growth of advertising revenue in the wake of the Chancellor's attempts to dampen consumer demand. Full-year results would still be "satisfactory".

STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	2785.90 (+12.34)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	35209.35 (–313.64)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2826.21 (+23.04)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	n/a
Sydney: AO	1773.2 (+0.7)
Frankfurt: DAX	1624.66 (+8.65)
Brussels:	
General	6700.32 (+1.91)
Paris: CAC	555.1 (+4.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	656.2 (+4.3)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1153.22 (–3.77)
FT– "500"	1289.37 (–3.79)
FT. Gold Mines	208.0 (–1.2)
FT. Fixed interest	95.21 (+0.20)
FT. Govt Secs	84.61 (+0.47)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Morgan Grenfell	408½p (+10p)
Guinness	597p (+25p)
Scott & Newcastle	380p (+19p)
Eurotunnel Units	570p (+20p)
BTR	463p (+16p)
Jaguar	731½p (+63p)
Christies Intnl	328p (+12p)
FALLS:	
HP Bulmer	171½p (–10p)
Grand Met	585p (–12p)
Amec	430½p (–12p)
J Laing	265½p (–10p)
Jonas Stroud	230p (–18p)
Body Shop	407½p (–18p)
RMC Group	669p (–14p)
Ward Group	370p (–20p)
Wolstenholme Rink	342½p (–15p)
Rechem	560p (–45p)
Rank Org	884½p (–21p)
GKN	411½p (–11p)
Coloroll Group	110p (–15p)
4pm prices	
Bargains	27514
SEAQ Volume	506.0m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 14 15/16–14 3/4%
3-month eligible bills: 14 7/16–14 1/4%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.58-7.56%*
30-year bonds 101 5/32–101 7/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6025	£: $1.6025*
£: DM3.0359	$: DM1.8920*
£: SwFr2.6393	$: SwFr1.6455*
£: FFr10.2720	$: FFr6.4155*
£: Yen228.76	$: Yen142.85*
£: Index:91.4	$: Index:70.3
ECU £0.681372	SDR £0.793702

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $363.60 pm-$363.00
close $363.00-363.50 (£226.25-226.75)
New York:
Comex $363.10-363.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) ... $18.20 bbl ($18.25)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.13	1.99
Austria Sch	22.15	20.90
Belgium Fr	66.80	62.90
Canada $	1.968	1.858
Denmark Kr	12.24	11.64
Finland Mkk	7.23	6.83
France Fr	10.57	10.07
Germany Dm	3.15	2.98
Greece Dr	281	261
Hong Kong $	13.16	12.26
Ireland Pt	1.192	1.122
Italy Lira	2310	2180
Japan Yen	243	227
Netherlands Gld	356	336
Norway Kr	11.57	11.02
Portugal Esc	268.25	252.25
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	198.50	186.50
Sweden Kr	10.84	10.24
Switzerland Fr	2.75	2.59
Turkey Lira	4020	3420
USA $	1.69	1.59
Yugoslavia Dnr	61000	45000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 115.8 (August)

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Higher rates 'will close small firms'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Growing anxiety that small businesses will meet the brunt of any economic downturn arising from higher interest rates was fuelled by gloomy assessments from the Confederation of British Industry and small business organizations.

British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), while supporting Mr Nigel Lawson's imposition of higher rates, also gave warning that there would be casualities among companies because of the tougher financial regime.

BCC, which monitors 3,300 businesses of all sizes around the country, said: "The smaller the company, the more it is affected by the higher rates."

The CBI said the latest rise posed "a real threat to investment" by smaller firms.

Mr Harry Kleeman, chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council, said: "Leaders of smaller firms are aware of the urgent need to invest to maintain competitiveness, especially in the run-up to 1992. However, this further rise in interest rate forced on the Chancellor by market pressures is wholly unnecessary and will only serve to make life tougher for the small businessman."

Smaller firms reported in CBI surveys that finance costs are a more limiting factor for

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investment than for manufacturers as a whole. They also showed that for the first time in three years, investment by smaller firms in plant and machinery is expected to fall over the next 12 months.

For small businesses the new interest rates were "the last 1 per cent straw" according to Mr Stan Mendham, chief executive of the Forum of Private Business. Some inevitably would now be driven to the wall, he said.

He urged the Government to consider either bringing in a three-year tax deferral scheme – year one tax to be paid in the fourth year, year two in the fifth and so on – or a development fund, capitalized at £1 billion, whose accruing interest would be used to offer small businesses loans at lower interest rates. The idea was first put forward by the Union of Independent Companies.

The worry that the Chancellor's cooling of the economy could bring a tilt into recession has been underlined by BCC surveys. Growth already appears to be at a standstill in the London area, Thames Valley and, to an extent, in the West Midlands, although East Anglia and the South-west are still buoyant.

Manufacturers supplying the high street look likely to be hit most. The latest high street sales indicator comes from the 22 department stores of the John Lewis Partnership, which, in the last week of September, saw sales down 0.4 per cent, compared with the same month last year. This implies a volume downturn of about 5 per cent after netting out sector inflation.

Domestic electrical appliances, already down 10 per cent in the first six months of this year, could see further sales falls now borrowing costs are rising. Some sectors are seeing big declines – microwave oven sales have plunged 30 per cent.

Cutbacks in appliance sales are already costing jobs. Hoover, Britain's second largest domestic appliance maker, has announced more than 900 job losses this year and 250 more may go. Electrolux has phased out 600 jobs this year.

There are also growing fears of more business failures and job losses in footwear manufacturing.

Car industry predicts further market decline

By Our Industrial Editor

September's 10 per cent collapse in car registrations after an otherwise bouyant eight months of sales is likely to be followed by a continued weakening of the car market, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

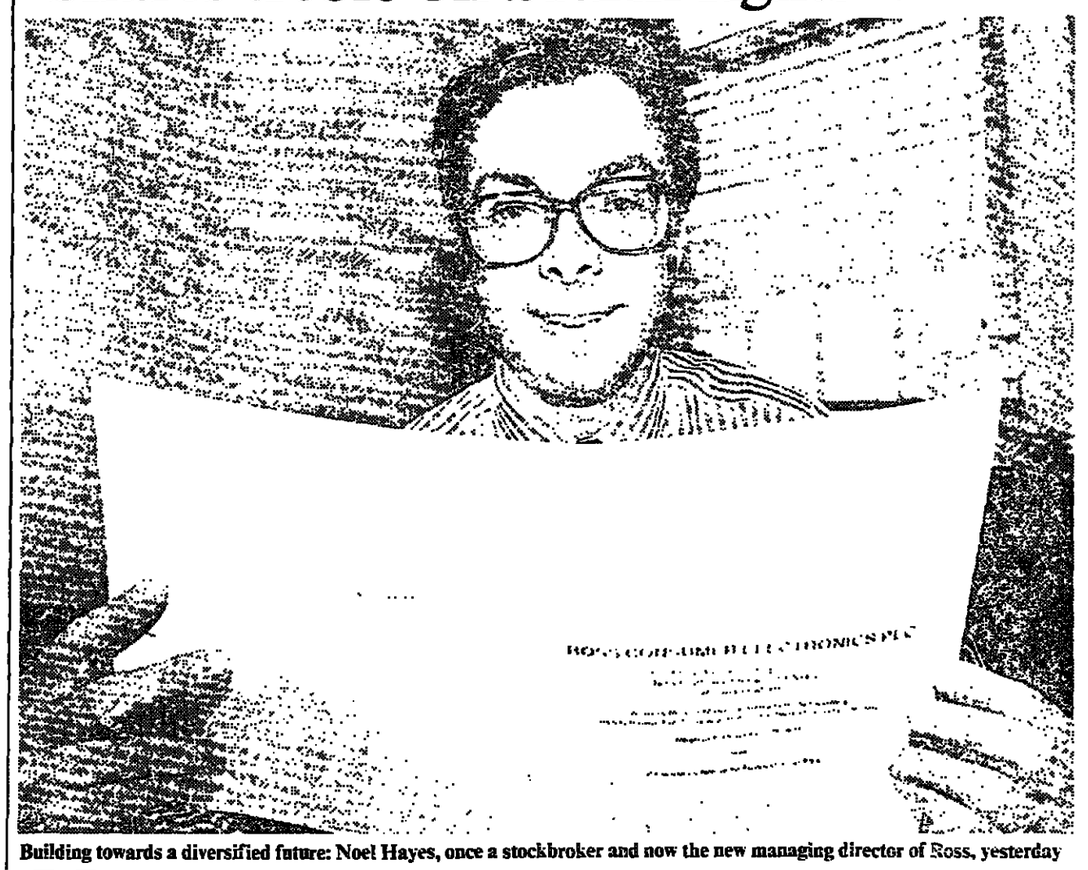
As both manufacturers and car retailers struggle to keep up sales, buyers will continue to be enticed with low-rate finance funded by manufacturers, discounts like higher specification cars without price increases, and by retailers offering handsome trade-in deals.

The SMMT said the latest base rate rise would have a "significant effect on demand," and pointed out that although August saw record registrations of more than 500,000, that month and September taken together were flat compared with the same two months last year.

Registrations were up 5 per cent in the first nine months of this year, but the SMMT expects a weakening in the final quarter and a 5 per cent decline next year. It believes the latest interest rate rise will add to the downward pressure.

The industry hopes that while company profits remain at good levels company car sales, which are more than half the market, will hold up.

Shares treble on £1.2m rights issue



Building towards a diversified future: Noel Hayes, once a stockbroker and now the new managing director of Ross, yesterday

New team hopes to spark Ross

By Neil Bennett

Shares in Ross Consumer Electronic, the troubled headphone and radio distributor, more than trebled to 177p, as the company announced a £1.2 million rights issue and the arrival of a new management team.

The rights issue is being organized and underwritten by a consortium led by Mr Roger Shute, the chairman of BM Group, the building products company, who will become Ross's chairman. He is joined by Mr Noel Hayes, a former stockbroker, and Mr Sam Oxford, the former chairman of Magnet & Southerns, the builders merchant.

The five-for-four rights issue, at 23p a share, will help to reduce the group's borrowings to £2 million. The consortium is taking up the rights to the new shares from Ross's exsting directors and will end up with at least a 39.1 per cent stake.

Mr Hayes, aged 33, the new managing director, promises to revitalize Ross's existing electronics business and then move into related areas. The company's name is being changed to Ross Group, to cover these new areas.

"Having been a stockbroker for 14 years, I know the only way to make money is to buy when others are selling, and not too many people are interested in consumer electronics now," he said.

Mr Hayes said any acquisitions would have a target of 30 per cent earnings growth. The City expects the consortium to look for companies in the constuction industry, where all three have had experience.

Ross came to the Unlisted Securities Market in June 1987, when the shares were priced at 165p. Since then the company has suffered from the downturn in demand for electrical goods and fell to a loss of £716,000 in the year to March, compared with profits of £352,000 in 1988. It is not expected to do more than break even this year.

Thirsty buyer lifts Perrier

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

A mystery buyer was quenching a considerable thirst for Source Perrier shares on the Parisian Bourse yesterday, pushing the share price to an all-time high.

Early trading of more than 100,000 shares, just over 1 per cent of the group's capital, forced Perrier's price up sharply to Fr1,997, closing at Fr1,999 (£199.5).

The prime suspect was Exor, which already holds a 31.8 per cent stake in the Perrier empire, and is rumoured to be keen to take control.

But M Jacques Vincent, Exor's chairman, denied his company was the raider. Under French law Exor would have to announce a formal bid if its holding increased beyond the present stake.

Ratner aims for festive cheer



Ratner: cutting prices

Ratners Group, the jewellery chain encompassing Ratners, H Samuel, Zales and Watches of Switzerland, is defying the grim outlook for Britain's high streets following the latest rise in interest rates and gearing itself up for its most aggressive Christmas yet (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Mr Gerald Ratner, chairman and chief executive, says he is aiming for like-for-like sales growth of 30 per cent this Christmas.

Mr Ratner is launching a £6 million marketing campaign, including television advertising for the first time, and is doubling his spending on staff incentives to £5 million.

Mr Ratner said: "Chairmen who go on television saying high interest rates are adversely affecting the business are giving their managers an excuse not to perform.

"We are cutting prices. We are selling a watch, identical to the Swatch watch, which sold for £25 last year, for £9.99. People will buy Christmas presents, but there is going to be a fight for the business."

The group is rearranging its shop windows to highlight the cheaper ranges, such as earrings.

Market men find cheer on a dull day

Saatchi soars into takeover spotlight

By Our City Staff

Shares of Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency, soared nearly 50p in late trading last night amid talk that the group was about to receive a takeover bid from a financial group backing Mr Bob Jacobi, former head of the Ted Bates advertising agency.

After rising modestly throughout the day, the shares accelerated during the afternoon despite one rumour, that a Continental bidder was set to announce an offer at two o'clock, proving untrue.

The rumoured suitor was Adia, the temporary help specialist which recently merged with Inspectorate. Another idea was that the Japanese house Dentsu was planning an assault.

Saatchi has been out of favour with investors for more than two years and the shares were further hit by disappointing interim results this year. Despite the steady underperformance, a fund management group in the United States, Southeastern Asset Management, has been buying any loose shares which come on offer and has built up a stake of more than 10 per cent.

Market sources suggest that Southeastern has been known to build up stakes in companies and hand them on to potential bidders.

Southeastern is also believed to be close to Mr Mitchell Fromstein, the United States head of Manpower who ousted Mr Tony Berry as chairman of Blue Arrow, the employment consultancy business.

In June, Saatchi & Saatchi confirmed speculation circulating in the industry that it was putting up for sale its consulting businesses, and would be concentrating in future on advertising and its associated communications activities.

So far no buyer has emerged for the complete consultancy package, which was expected to fetch about £300 million. Saatchi is believed to have accepted that it will have to sell the business in smaller parcels.

The decision to sell the consultancy businesses marked the end of the ambitions of Charles and Maurice Saatchi to set up a world force in areas outside advertising and communications. But it made the group more interesting to would-be predators, although it is believed by analysts that the group would be more attractive if the sale was already concluded.

In returning to their roots, the brothers have taken an axe to costs, and although this will not be reflected this year is likely to ensure a better profits outturn in 1990.

The shares finally closed in London at 348½p, adding more than £2 million to the brothers' fortune. They had, however, already left town for the weekend.

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Icahn raises stake in USX

By Our City Staff

Mr Carl Icahn, the US investor, has increased his stake in USX Corp and plans to acquire more of its shares, according to documents filed this week with the US Securities & Exchange Commission.

Mr Icahn, who failed to take over USX for $31 a share in 1987, has continued to hold a stake in the $8 billion energy and steel company.

Through TWA Airline Inc, his holding company, Mr Icahn bought 4.26 million USX shares on the open market on Tuesday and Wednesday for $155.2 million (£96.3 million).

His 33.6 million shares now represent 13.06 per cent of the outstanding USX stock, up from 11.4 per cent. According to the SEC filing, Mr Icahn, who is chairman of Trans World Airlines, believes the market price of USX's common stock "does not reflect the value of the issuer's assets and businesses."



Icahn: already holding talks

The filing said Mr Icahn might present the USX board with a plan to seek business combinations with USX and third parties.

The document also said that his organization was already holding discussions with parties who are considering financing a "business combination." It was unclear what those deals would be.

Among the other proposals that Mr Icahn is considering are a restructuring of the company to "substantially increase shareholder value", and a proxy solicitation to elect his representatives to the USX board.

In June, Mr Icahn sold his stake in Texaco for slightly more than $2 billion, making a profit of more than $700 million. That sale prompted speculation that he would make another bid for USX.

USX spokesmen declined to comment on Mr Icahn's move.

Axa seeks to take over US talks from Hoylake

By Martin Waller

Axa-Midi, the French insurance group, will try to persuade US insurance authorities to allow it to take over from Hoylake Investments — the consortium attempting to buy BAT Industries — in negotiations over the future of Farmers, BAT's insurance subsidiary.

Axa will lodge a further filing with the insurance commissioners in the nine states in which Farmers operates, setting its case for being allowed to buy Farmers if the Sir James Goldsmith-led Hoylake bid is eventually successful.

This comes after the French and Sir James drew up a binding agreement that Axa would buy Farmers for $4.5 billion (£2.8 billion) as soon as the bid went unconditional. Sir James has said he intends to push ahead with his plans to take over BAT once the various legal hurdles are crossed in the US.

The timing of any handover to Axa of Farmers is crucial. The bidders are keen to avoid Farmers being owned by Hoylake for any period of time: this would make Sir James a party to the negotiations with the insurance athorities.

If the agreement is binding on both sides, the hand-over would take place simultaneously with a successful bid. Axa and Hoylake are lodging filings with the state authorities, but Axa claims its own submission should be the only one considered, as it is the only possible future owner of Farmers under the agreement.

The French would have less difficulty than Sir James's vehicle in proving they were proper owners of Farmers. Axa already operates in the reinsurance market in 33 different states, seven of them overlapping with Farmers.

Axa has indicated it would take a less aggressive stance than Sir James in dealings with the insurance authorities. It has pressured Hoylake into abandoning legal proceedings aimed at preventing the commissioners from looking at the Farmers acquisition. Instead, it will depend on the strength of its own arguments with the commissioners.

Axa's submission will stress its intention to keep Farmers in its present form, and set out its future strategy. With 45 per cent of the world insurance market in the US, Axa believes a firm foothold there is essential for its global aims.

The filing will also attempt to reassure the Americans about Axa's finances. The company claims nil borrowings at the moment and "very reasonable debt" after a successful takeover.



Sir James Goldsmith: drew up binding agreement with French

Pru-Bache procedures censured by SEC

By Our City Staff

Prudential-Bache Securities has been censured by the Securities and Exchange Commission for numerous violations of securities laws governing accounting procedures and operational controls.

The securities firm settled the SEC charges without admitting or denying guilt. Although the firm will not be fined, it will be required for two years to maintain reserves in cash or securities significantly above those mandated by law. It will also be required to take steps to prevent a recurrence of the problems.

The charges involved $218 million (£135 million) worth of securities the firm was required to hold for customers, but had sold and used in other transactions.

The SEC also charged that the firm was unable to determine whether the value of its reserves was accurate because of errors in the formula used to calculate the reserves. Furthermore, the firm had failed to maintain a record of its customer reserve allocation for one day, and its general ledger for two days was inaccurate by $28 million.

In a statement, Pru-Bach said the violations, which it described as "purely technical," occurred in areas that the firm "felt needed improving."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Oil producer relations 'need to be nurtured'

Relations between Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and independent oil producers are at their warmest ever, but need to be nurtured for continued price stability, Dr Subroto, Opec's secretary general, said in a speech to the Royal Institute for International Relations in Brussels. He regarded current, warm relations between the two oil producer groups as a "good omen for future oil market stability." He said that contacts between the two groups had intensified over the last 18 months and 1989 had seen a "highly encouraging" level of co-operation.

However, Dr Subroto gave a warning that there was no room for complacency. Market stability had to be nurtured and supported by all parties. It was illogical, he argued, for oil producers to continue to act independently of one another, as energy was far too strategic not to be co-ordinated in the marketplace.

AAF expands in £5.6m deal

AAF Investment Corporation, the cash-rich shell company, is paying £5.6 million for Premier Construction, a pre-fabricated building manufacturer. This is AAF's first acquisition since it was taken over by FSI, the South African conglomerate. Premier was part of Brown & Jackson. AAF plans to become one of the world's largest manufacturers of pre-fabricated buildings.

Fargo drops HK licence

Wells Fargo Bank has given up its banking licence in Hong Kong as part of the US-based bank's strategic decision to scale down its international operations and concentrate on its business in California. It will, however, maintain a representative office. Wells Fargo's withdrawal from the British colony leaves 167 licensed banks in Hong Kong, of which 135 are foreign.

SeaCon deadline set

Mr James Sherwood, the president of Sea Containers which owns Sealink ferries, has set himself the deadline of the end of this month to unveil his refinancing package, which will include "significant asset sales" aimed at fighting off the unwanted $1.02 billion (£633 million) takeover bid from Stena, the Swedish shipping line, and Tiphook, the British container group.

Financial restructuring will go ahead regardless of the outcome of any of the various court cases which have bogged down the bid. A decision from the key one, in the Bermuda courts, over the 36 per cent of Sea Containers stock owned by its subsidiaries, is not now expected by the end of October.

Interim drop at Arcolectric

Shares in Arcolectric (Holdings), the Surrey switch and neon light manufacturer, fell 18p to 115p on the news that pre-tax profits had slumped from £320,000 to £128,000 in the six months to end-June. Earnings per share fell from 4.79p to 1.92p but the interim dividend is improved to 0.48p (0.44p). Sales, which were up from £5.07 million to £5.19 million, did not rise as strongly as planned, partly due to reduced demand.

Singapore Para reverse

Wet weather affected the rubber crop at Singapore Para Rubber Estates, the Malaysian producer, leading to a slip in pre-tax profits from £211,000 to £148,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover was down from £440,000 to £380,000. Earnings per share fell from 1.05p to 0.81p. It does not pay an interim dividend. Because of further heavy rain, the rubber crop estimate for the year may not be achieved.

Scantronic US pact

Scantronic Holdings, the security systems and control equipment group, has entered into a conditional letter of intent which may lead to it acquiring a controlling interest in FBX Corporation of New York. FBX designs, manufactures and supplies components and systems for the same residential intruder and fire alarm market as Scantronic's US subsidiary, Scantronic (USA), which trades as Acron.

The acquisition of FBX, which had pre-tax profits of $249,000 (£155,000) on a turnover of $8 million in the six months to end-May, would involve the purchase of existing shares and options for an aggregate cash consideration of up to $5.5 million (£3.4 million). FBX's net tangible assets at the end of May were $3.45 million.

Laird sells last of Metro subsidiaries

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Laird Group, the sealing systems and engineering company, has sold the last of its Metro-Cammell Weymann subsidiaries.

Optare, the British bus body builder, and Daf, the Dutch truck maker, have jointly acquired the Metrobus range of double-deck buses for an undisclosed sum.

When the previous Metro-Cammell and Metro-Cammell Weymann assets were disposed of, Mr John Gardiner, Laird chairman and chief executive, said cash proceeds from any further sales were "not likely to be material in the context of the Laird group."

Daf and Optare said they intended supplying a redesigned version of the Metrobus to the British and international market.

Daf will build the chassis of the new range in the Netherlands, while Optare will supply the bodies. The new vehicle should become available next year.

The profitable Metro-Cammell train-making subsidiary was sold to GEC for £44 million last May. Overall, the Metro-Cammell Weymann interests were loss-making. The Metrocabs taxi business and Metrorider buses and coaches were also been sold.



Gardiner: sum 'not material'

Meat Trade changes course on value of Twigrealm bid

By Jeremy Andrews

Meat Trade Suppliers, the embattled sausage casings producer with a valuable property in London's Smithfield, has retracted a press statement made by the company secretary, Mr Campbell Allan, who is also chairman of Gartmore Investment Management.

He had said that the offer by Twigrealm, a consortium between Mr Stephan Wingate, the property developer, and Mr Freddy Hirsch, a South African sausage casings entrepreneur, left shareholders "completely in the dark as to the amount of cash they will receive."

Now, however, Meat Trade has pointed out that Twigrealm's offer is 350p cash per share.

It has also admitted that, should the conditions of the offer be satisfied, there is "no doubt" about the amount of cash shareholders who accept the Twigrealm offer will receive.

Twigrealm's adviser, Hambros Bank, has also complained to the Takeover Panel about a document issued by Meat Trade on Thursday, claiming that Twigrealm's offer was worth only 314p a share.

Meat Trade's board supports rival proposals to be put to an emergency shareholders' meeting on Tuesday at Metral House, the Smithfield property being fought over.

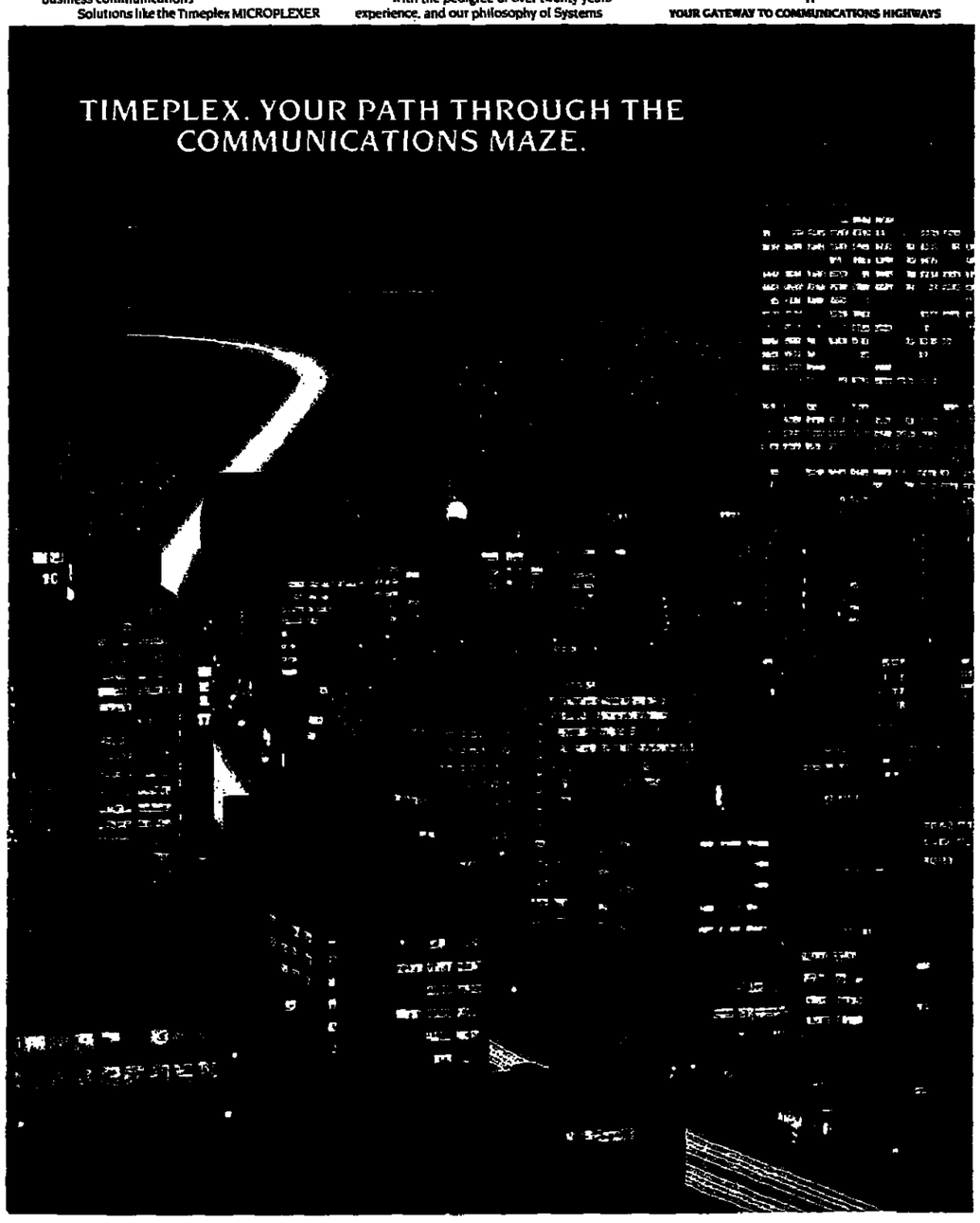
These involve the injection into Meat Trade of Alpha Gamma, a private property company run by Mr Ari Zaphiriou-Zarifi, chief executive of Heritable, a private bank, and Mr Roger Gram, who with his brother owns the property adjoining Metral House.

Essentially shareholders seeking cash may obtain 350p for all their shares from Twigrealm, or 372p for two-fifths of them under the Alpha Gamma proposals.

Shareholders who wish to hold on for the development benefit from Metral House face the choice between backing Mr Wingate and backing Mr Zaphiriou-Zarifi.

Twigrealm has the support of the 24.5 per cent stake controlled by Meat Trade's former chairman and founder, Mr William Anstis, aged 83, and his two sons. Alpha Gamma is supported by Mrs Samantha Allan, Mr Allan's wife and Mr Anstis's daughter, who holds 9.5 per cent. Previously M&G, the fund management group which holds 16.5 per cent, has sided with Mrs Allan and the trust for Mr Anstis's grandchildren, with 18.7 per cent, has remained neutral. If the Alpha Gamma proposals are approved on Tuesday, Twigrealm's bid will lapse.

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WH Smith to sell Canadian holding

WH Smith is selling its 86.5 per cent stake in its Canadian arm to Federal Industries Consumer Group for Can$54 million (£28.3 million).

In the year to June 3 WH Smith Canada, which operates about 200 stores, made pre-tax profits of Can$6.5 million.

WH Smith said yesterday that its group strategy was to concentrate further on retailing and distribution in Britain and the US. "The retailing business in Canada no longer fits in with this strategy. The group will now focus on opportunities for further expanding its US businesses."

Mr Malcolm Field, group managing director, added: "After our 40-year association with Canada, it was not an easy decision for the parent company to take, but our strategy is clearly focused: to develop our North American retail businesses."

In the US, WH Smith owns a chain of hotel and airport shops, and earlier this year acquired We Three, the Philadelphia chain of record shops. More recently it sold its small publishing business in New York and its 24 outlets in Hawaii.

RECENT ISSUES

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FBD Hldgs (96p)	93 +2
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Tuskar Res N/P	36½ +1
Wace N/P	12

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 25	October 6	December 21	January 8

Call options were taken out on: 6/10/89 Scottish & Newcastle, Norloik Group, Eurotunnel Wts, Lonrho, Amstrad, Coloroll, Saatchi & Saatchi, Amber Day. Puts: Scottish & Newcastle.

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	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyns (*515)	500	23	43	64	9	22	25
	550	3½	20	38	43	46	49
	600	1	9	22	93	93	93
Bass (*1015)	1000	36	65	–	13	40	–
	1050	12	42	–	42	66	–
	1100	3	27	–	90	103	–
Boots (*287)	260	30	39	49	1	5	7
	280	14	28	33	4	10	13
	300	5	17	24	15	20	22
	330	2	8	14	43	45	46
Brit Air (*217)	180	32	38	44	½	2½	4
	200	14	22	28	2½	7	10
	220	3½	10	19	13	16	18
Brit Com (*136)	140	4	12	16	11	14	16
	160	1½	6	10	30	30	32
	180	1	2	6	50	50	50
BP (*301)	280	43	50	–	½	1½	–
	280	23	32	41	1	5	9
	300	7½	18	27	5	12	14
	330	1½	7	14½	30	30	31
Brit Steel (*132)	125	7½	–	–	1	–	–
	135	2	6½	9½	6	8	9
	145	¾	3	6	15	15½	16½
C & W (*555)	550	19	47	72	12	30	38
	600	3½	25	45	50	58	67
	650	1	14	32	99	100	102
Cons Gold (*1460)	1400	80	–	–	2	3	–
	1450	30	35	–	5	7	–
	1500	4	4	–	–	35	–
Com Union (*458)	390	70	84	92	1	3	8
	420	40	57	66	3	8	14
	460	10	30	35	12	28	26
Courtauld (*355)	330	28	39	52	–	7	9
	360	7	20	33	11	16	17
	390	2	10	20	38	38	38
GKN (*412)	420	10	30	40	14	22	30
	450	1	13	22	50	52	57
Grand Met (*585)	500	1	5	11	90	92	92
	550	43	72	87	3	12	20
	600	10	40	57	23	34	42
ICI (*1197)	1200	29	82	102	28	45	62
	1250	11	54	75	60	70	87
	1300	2	35	55	107	109	119
	1350	2	22	40	157	157	159
Jaguar (*730)	500	240	260	275	7	5	10
	650	186	210	235	2	11	20
	600	140	178	197	3½	20	35
Kingfisher (*302)	300	11	27	39	4	13	16
	330	2½	12	25	30	30	33
	360	½	6	15	60	60	61
Ladbroke (*321)	300	22	34	44	1¼	7½	13
	325	8½	19	–	11	20	–
	350	1	9	15	43	45	46
Land Sec (*546)	550	13	32	52	12	22	25
	600	2	15	28	55	55	57
	650	1	4	14	105	105	107
M & S (*190)	180	13	20	27	3	7	9
	200	2	9	15	12½	16	18
	220	1	4	8	32	33	34
STC (*320)	300	5½	20	28	17	19	24
	350	1½	10	17	43	44	43
	390	1	6	9	78	74	76
Sainsbury (*266)	260	10	20	29	2½	8	9
	280	2	10	19	17	19	19
	300	¼	5	11	36	36	36
Shell (*435)	390	47	65	72	1	4	11
	420	20	41	47	4	10	17
	460	3	17	24	28	28	31
Smid Reech (*556)	484	78	93	–	2	4	–
	541	28	46	–	6	15	–
	600	3	18	35	43	47	51
	650	2	7	19	28	35	35
Storehse (*136)	130	8	15	19	2½	6	9
	140	2¼	10	14	8	13	15
	160	1	4	8	23	29	30
Trafalgar (*355)	347	16	28	–	6	16	–
	377	3	14	–	25	34	–
	420	1	4	10	68	70	74
Ultramar (*321)	300	25	42	49	2	9	12
	330	9	23	31	14	23	27
	360	2	11	18	42	42	45
Unilever (*540)	500	45	67	80	3	10	13
	550	12	33	55	17	27	30
	700	1½	15	32	62	63	62
Utd Biscs (*372)	360	18	38	48	4	11	17
	390	6	22	32	21	28	30
	420	3	11	21	50	50	50

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*340)	330	20	32	44	5	13	14
	360	7	17	27	24	28	30
	390	3	8	18	52	53	53
BAT Ind (*853)	750	118	145	–	3	15	–
	800	75	100	125	11	27	37
	850	38	70	90	25	50	60
BTR (*485)	420	41	57	65	5	9	14
	460	14	33	42	21	25	32
	500	3¼	20	25	57	57	57
Brit Aero (*616)	600	38	68	78	14	26	35
	650	18	42	53	43	49	60
	700	5	24	35	88	88	93
Brit Tele (*285)	240	29	34	42	1	3	4
	260	12	18½	26	4½	8	9
	280	4	9	17	17	19	20
Cadbury (*389)	360	40	55	–	5	11	–
	390	21	37	47	16	22	26
	420	11	24	33	37	40	43
Guinness (*566)	500	55	78	95	5	11	14
	600	22	45	65	22	28	32
	650	5	24	38	56	60	63
GEC (*235)	220	21	28	–	2	5½	–
	240	9	16	24	9	14	14
	260	2¼	7	14	26	26	28

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Hanson (*218)	180	41	42	–	–	1	1½
	200	22	24	32	1½	4½	6
	220	8	12	18	2	12½	13
	240	1½	5	10	24	27	28
LASMO (*504)	479	43	–	–	9	–	–
	500	28	33	50	20	27	29
	550	8	20	44	53	55	61
P & O (*653)	650	35	62	75	12	25	32
	700	11	35	50	50	58	61
	750	3½	20	30	100	100	100
Pilkington (*235)	240	8	17	28	10	17	18
	260	3½	10	17	32	29	31
	280	2	5	10	48	48	50
Plessey (*268)	240	30	30	–	¼	¼	–
	260	10	10	–	½	½	–
	280	¼	¼	¼	12	12	–
Prudential (*153)	150	17	25	28	3	4	6
	160	8	15	19	11	13	15
	220	2	8	8	29	29	30
Racal (*238)	210	33	43	55	3	8½	8
	230	18	28	38	15½	15	16
	250	8	18	–	30	33	–
RTZ (*540)	493	60	80	–	4	7	–
	542	23	45	–	18	23	–
	600	8	20	30	68	68	68
Scot & Newc (*376)	330	34	52	65	12	25	25
	360	20	37	54	28	36	40
	420	10	25	42	50	55	60
Tesco (*193)	180	16	22	–	2½	6	–
	200	6	14	20	11	13	14
	220	2	7	10	27	27	28

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Abbey Nat (*148)	140	13	17	21	2½	3½	4½
	160	3	8	9	14	14	15
	180	1	–	–	34	34	–
Ferranti (*59)	50	12	14½	–	17	1½	3½
	60	4½	7½	10	8	7½	9
	70	1¾	3½	6½	13	14½	16½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Asda (*174)	140	37	–	–	1½	–	–
	160	21	26	32	4½	7	10
	180	9	16	22	14	17	20

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Mar	Puts Nov	Puts Mar
Gateway (*237)	220	–	–	1	–
	240	1	–	11	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Amstrad (*84)	60	9	13	15.5%	6	6
	70	5	9	12	11	12
	80	2½	7	23½	19	20
Barclays (*508)	480	30	75	–	3	–	–
	500	20	52	35	17	22	25
	550	12	30	85	47	53	57
Blue Circ (*227)	220	20	32	34	7	11	14
	240	8	15	–	24	25	–
	260	2	8	–	49	49	–
Brit Gas (*208)	180	34	37½	44	1½	2	5½
	200	15½	21	29	3½	7	9
	220	6	10	16	13	15	18
Dixons (*131)	120	12	18	22	6	9	11
	140	6½	12	17	13	16	18
	160	3	5½	11	30	31	31
Glaxo (*1469)	1400	127	177	–	30	32	–
	1450	90	144	178	52	49	58
	1500	60	112	147	82	87	92
	1550	40	85	120	122	127	127
Hanson (*667)	650	45	68	90	20	30	36
	700	22	48	65	53	58	61
	750	10	28	45	85	90	93
Hillsdown (*236)	220	22	36	46	5	8	11
	240	8	18	28	18	19	19
	260	3	8	17	37	37	37
Lonhro (*273)	257	27	–	–	5	–	–
	283	12	–	–	16	–	–
	308	5	–	–	40	–	–
Midland (*364)	339	47	–	–	4	8	–
	360	28	35	40	14	20	23
	380	16	18	22	30	32	33
R-Royce (*179)	160	25	–	–	2	–	–
	180	10½	19	22	8½	11½	14
	200	4	10	15	23	25	28
Sears (*114)	110	9	13	16	4	6	7½
	120	3½	9½	12	10	11½	12½
	130	1½	6½	7	18	19½	20½
THF (*322)	330	15½	28	34	8½	12	14
	360	6	16	22	40	42	43
	390	2	8	–	72	72	73
Thorn EMI (*808)	750	62	106	–	11	18	23
	800	45	72	100	38	43	48
	850	28	45	72	67	69	73
TSB (*114)	100	16	20	–	1	3	4
	110	8	11	16	5½	6	7
	120	4	6	9	9	10	11
Vaal Reefs (*983)	70	19	29	–	1½	3½	5
	80	10	13	18	5	7	9
	90	5	9	11	13	13	13
Wellcome (*537)	550	110	135	–	5	8	10
	600	72	98	118	16	20	24
	650	40	65	90	46	48	50

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Series	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Puts Oct	Puts Nov	Puts Dec
2200	182	118	145	150	34	39	46
2250	90	82	114	138	83	72	81
2300	37	62	81	130	48	94	72
2350	11	35	62	88	88	96	98
2400	4	18	33	48	138	130	145
2450	1½	10	18	35	178	178	178
2500	½	5	17	–	228	228	228

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Builders get ready for another profits squeeze

by Melinda Wittstock

Housebuilders, commercial property developers and building materials companies are bracing themselves for a further significant downturn in profitability in the wake of the hike in base rates to 15 per cent.

Some of the smaller and unquoted players may even go to the wall, construction and property analysts believe, though the scale of the damage is not expected to be that of the property market crisis of 1973-74 when companies failed as the banks called in many loans.

"The difference is between 500 per cent gearing then and an average 50 per cent gearing now," said Mr Jamie Stevenson, a construction analyst with Kleinwort Benson.

But while builders may have much healthier balance sheets than they did in the mid-1970s, cashflow problems are likely to emerge in some quarters as a result of falling demand.

Mr Ewan Pearson, of County NatWest WoodMac, said: "Confidence, the single most important factor in determining demand for housing, has been hit very hard by the base rate increase. When rates rose from 13 to 14 per cent, demand fell by 10 per cent. Demand could now fall by another 10 per cent."

County believes average gross profit margins for British housebuilders are likely to be halved from 22 per cent in 1988 to just 11 per cent in 1990.

Mr Pearson said profits have already declined on average by 60 per cent since last year when base rates first began their upward climb from a 7.5 per cent low, and could fall another 36 per cent in 1990 as unit sales and house prices continue on their downward spiral.

Mr Stevenson added that average profits could fall anywhere between 25 per cent and 75 per cent in the next 18 months, with cancellation rates on new houses going up to between 40 and 60 per cent.

"But no one really has the remotest clue, other than an educated guess, as to what will happen to each individual company," he said. "They are all full of off-balance sheet financing and can play around with their figures to conceal the extent of their problems."

Mr Norman Mazure, the chairman of Shield Group, which builds quality homes in the London area, fears a repeat of 1973, and in anticipation, Shield sold its current property portfolio and is conserving cash reserves to be able to ride safely through the recession.

Mr Mazure added that he had little doubt that a shakeout will occur next year. "I know several companies on the brink," he claimed.

Generally, those housebuilders with heavy exposure in the South-east, South-west and East Anglia, where the house price to income ratio is the highest, will suffer the most. But more importantly, those having bought land at its peak 1987 and 1988 prices will suffer even more.

Analysts believe Tarmac, Britain's largest housebuilder, along with George Wimpey, Amec, Laing, Costain and Mowlem are likely to have bought a lot of land during the boom. "They all deny it, you see, but someone was buying land — especially those like Tarmac with its strategy of constantly pursuing volume," said one analyst. "Now, Tarmac is totally dependent on keeping volume up."

On the commercial property development side, analysts believe many ambitious retail, industrial and office developments conceived while base rates were half the present level, may now be called off.

Not only will the base rate rise increase the costs of developments in progress, but new space will also be difficult to let at a price high enough to compensate for the cost of borrowing.

"This is bound to crucify a number of profit and loss accounts," said Mr John Atkins, a property analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew.

With bank lending to British property developers now standing at a record £26 billion, Mr Atkins believes some players, particularly the small and unquoted, will face "acute liquidity crises." This, he reckons, will lead to a spate of refinancing packages. The rate rise may also halt new lending.

Chancellor banks on the base rates gamble paying off



With bank base rates now at 15 per cent, no sensible person would deny that Great Britain Limited has problems — recurring problems with familiar labels: sterling under pressure, balance of payments in the red and high inflation. Like filthy streets, traffic jams and lager louts, they are essential parts of the British way of life. They are variously blamed on history, education, the class system, poor management, greedy workers or a simple desire to be spoon-fed with the good things in life, which we believe are ours by right, or at least on easy credit terms.

All arguable of course, but one reason why we repeatedly get into the same mess is beyond dispute. Politicians have, and doggedly keep, their hands on all the domestic levers of economic control. Even worse, they are shameless in bending the economic cycle to fit the cycle of parliamentary elections.

A Conservative Party chairman once told me that winning elections had been reduced to a simple formula: a "good," stimulating Budget, framed with a particular eye on its probable impact on the unemployment figures, followed by an election in the autumn. Obviously the mechanics of manipulation have become more sophisticated over the years but the use, and abuse, of economic policy, monetary as well as fiscal, in the interests of political power, is not in dispute.

Not for us an independent institution like the Federal Reserve Board in Washington or the Bundesbank in Frankfurt, whose perspectives and judgement of what is right may from time to time differ, and which can act in ways that may not always be politically expedient. The Bundesbank's decision on Thursday to raise key West German interest rates by a full percentage point — a decision that provided the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a cover for putting up base rates — caused much ministerial breast-beating in Bonn. It is not hard to see why Mrs Thatcher, having converted the Bank of England into a Downing Street poodle, is totally opposed to a European Community central bank which inevitably would be much more in the mould of the Bundesbank than the Bank of England.

There is no mystery why base rates have doubled since May last year. As the Tory Party Conference two years ago rapturously recognized, Nigel Lawson was the architect of the 1987 election triumph. The Lawson boom of 1987-88 was the most heroic of all booms since 1945. It was gilded, and then gelded, by single-figure base rates. They reached a low of 7½ per cent in the wake of the 1988 Budget, the same Budget that lured thousands of first-time buyers into the housing market — at the top and with the prospect, unseen at the time, of crippling mortgage rates to come.

The legacy of the 1987-88 boom is the familiar one: accelerating pay settlements, a huge balance of payments deficit, pressure on sterling and a swollen rate of inflation. Unfortunately only time will tell if the only cure may be recession. Base rates are now higher than at any time since November 1981 when Sir Geoffrey Howe deliberately drove the economy deeper into recession and gave Mrs Thatcher her initial victory over inflation. The chosen instrument now as then is high interest rates.

So far the regime has not purged enough demand from the system. The populace, eschewing saving, has rediscovered its spending nerve — even the housing market has shown signs of reviving. Unemployment is still falling and pay settlements are rising. Our craving for imported goods is unabated. Will 15 per cent base rates do the trick? The trick here includes keeping the pound from falling and continuing to attract enough short-term foreign money to cover the balance of payments deficit.

Devaluation as a formal policy is out because it puts upward pressure on inflation. It is also seen by the Treasury as affording employers the soft option of giving in to wage demands, which adds to the pressure. So, of course, do high interest rates, notably through the now guaranteed rise in mortgage rates.

But not even governments can have everything and 15 per cent, and if necessary 16 per cent, is a means to an end. The end is a serious reduction in inflation — by "serious" I mean to below 5 per cent, as measured by the retail price index. As the value of the pound in one's pocket is Mrs Thatcher's chosen measure, her Government will be judged to have failed in its central mission if that does not happen.

It is too late for her to ditch Mr Lawson, which is just as well. His arrogance may lead him into major errors but his intelligence gives him a clear understanding of the problems and his self confidence makes him brave and decisive. He will have more influence on the outcome of the next election than any other minister, including possibly the Prime Minister herself. It does not quite boil down to competence, the cost of living and the mortgage rate, but if the Government fails on all three tests it will have an uphill struggle. (I believe the difficulties it is perceived to have with the National Health Service, the Community Charge and water privatization, come the day, will be resolved.)

The Chancellor has to gamble. Though the general election need not be called for another two years, it would be asking for trouble if at the chosen time the country was still in the toils of recession.

The critical question is whether the latest turn in the screw will be enough to produce a quick and relatively short recession that would lead to satisfactory economic numbers and yet still leave time to offer the electorate some modest encouragement in the shape of tax cuts and good works and a tempting prospectus for a fourth Thatcher term. My guess is that it may take one more turn of the same screw but I believe that will happen if the foreign exchange market shows scepticism and disbelief by selling sterling.

The same question is being asked in the stock market. Share prices have taken a caning in the past two days but the pace of their climb this year had made them vulnerable if lightning were to strike as it did on Thursday. With recession in view — though how deep is still a matter for speculation — the market in general cannot have a lot to go for in the short term. Certain sectors, such as retailing and construction, are being badly hit but institutions are not yet in the mood to sell the market, which should begin to consolidate at a level 5-10 per cent below yesterday's close. The excitements therefore will come in individual stocks. The bid boom will be sustained by lower prices.

The big caveat is politics. Before this week it was not high on the City's agenda; now it is creeping up. Labour's position in the polls is giving pause for thought, not yet about a change of Government but the prospect of a constant stream of polls dampening the market's natural preference for optimism. The Chancellor carries a great burden of responsibility. His will be a magnificent swansong — or a Wagnerian disaster.

Hi-Tec stumbles to interim £3m

By Our City Staff

Hi-Tec Sports, Britain's leading sports shoe supplier, yesterday blamed "general malaise" in the high street for a drop in pre-tax profits from £4.1 million to £3.1 million for the six months to end-July.

Mr Frank van Wezel, the chairman, said high interest rates had forced Hi-Tec to give suffering retailers a discount on the price of its shoes. "We want to maintain our 24 per cent market share at all costs," said Mr van Wezel. "But retailers are squeezing us because they are being squeezed by the consumer, who is spending less. A lot of our competitors are prepared to undercut us."

Though pre-tax profits fell, interim turnover is up 11.8 per cent to £36.8 million. Hi-Tec said gross margins had been adversely affected by higher production costs resulting from intense UK competition as well as the appreciation of the dollar.

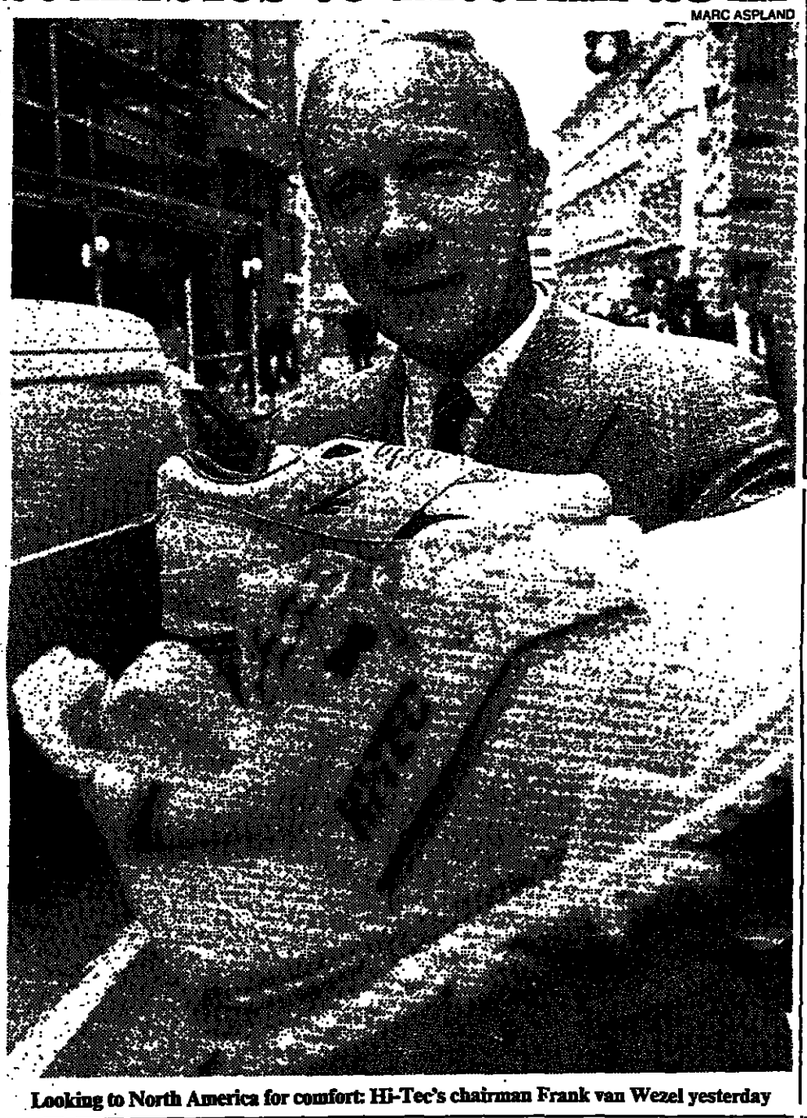
But the picture is much brighter in North America, where Hi-Tec plans to expand on the back of unprecedented demand for sports shoes. American and Canadian profits are up by 20 and 70 per cent respectively.

In Europe and Australasia, sales increased by 50 per cent, but Hi-Tec said profitability "continues to reflect an early stage of development there."

Mr van Wezel hopes to increase the level of profit contribution from the group's clothing and textile operations, which have been strengthened by its August acquisition of Cofex, the Dutch leisurewear group.

Hi-Tec's interim earnings per share have declined from 7.83p to 5.47p, but the dividend is unchanged at 1.5p.

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Looking to North America for comfort: Hi-Tec's chairman Frank van Wezel yesterday

Financing difficulties mean bid for US parent is cut by $260m

Confusion over future of AMI

By George Sivell

The future of AMI Healthcare, Britain's second-largest private hospital group, was thrown into fresh doubt after bidders for American Medical International, the US parent, reduced their offer by $260 million (£161 million).

American Medical said in July it was likely to sell off AMI but that nothing further would be done until IMA, the investment group which was set to acquire American Medical International for about $2 billion, plus $1.4 billion in assumed debt, had completed its takeover.

Yesterday, however, IMA cancelled its agreement and submitted a new proposal worth at least $260 million less in cash. The investor group, led by the Pritzker family of Chicago and First Boston Corporation, said it could not complete the financing arrangements for the original deal because of pending federal legislation that could eliminate the tax deductibility of some debt instruments.

Under the original agreement, IMA was to pay $28 a share, or $1.93 billion, for 68 million of American Medical's 73 million shares outstanding. Holders of the remaining stock were to receive $26.50 a share, plus a "stub" share in IMA with an estimated value of $1.50.

The new proposal has IMA offering $26.50 a share, or $1.67 billion, for 63 million shares. If all the shareholders were to tender their stock, say analaysts, investors would receive about $23 in cash and $3.50 worth of stub shares.

Miss Rae Alperstein, an analyst at Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards in Los Angeles, valued the stub share at $1.50, meaning the total per-share value of the new proposal was about $24.50.

American Medical, a hospital operator based in Beverly Hills, said only that IMA was proposing to increase, from 10 per cent to 20 per cent, the amount of its stock to be received from American Medical stockholders.

It added that the new proposal was being referred to a special board committee. American Medical's shares rose 62.5 cents, to $23.275, on news of the revised offer, with more than 1.4 million shares being traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr Roger Gordon, an analyst with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York, said other problems influenced IMA's decision to lower the offer. "The hospital industry continues to be a very difficult one," he said.

The analysts also pointed to trouble at First Boston caused by the weakness of the junk bond market. The original offer contained $712.8 million in junk bonds.

Warner in talks over studio deal

(AP-Dow Jones) — Warner Communications, now merged with Time, is negotiating with Sony Corporation to gain control of the Burbank studio, which Warner jointly owns with Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc.

The talks are part of concessions Warner is seeking from Sony in exchange for an agreement to free Mr Peter Guber and Mr Jon Peters, the producers, from an exclusive agreement with Warner to run Columbia. Sony last week agreed to buy Columbia for $3.4 billion (£2.12 billion), and offered to acquire Guber Peters Entertainment for $200 million.

Sources say Warner wants to gain control of the 150 acre Burbank Studios, valued at more than $250 million. Warner has a 65 per cent share and Columbia holds 35 per cent. Under the plan, Sony would swap Columbia's interest in the Burbank studio for the old Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer lot in Culver City, California, owned by Warner.

Officials of Sony and Warner declined to comment.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing regarding its proposed acquisition of Guber Peters, Sony said the parties involved were still holding talks to settle the Guber Peters contract with Warner.

Sankyo and Sandoz to sever sales link

Tokyo (Reuter) — Sankyo and Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, the wholly-owned Japanese subsidiary of Sandoz AG, have agreed to gradually sever their sales link in Japan, the firms said in a joint statement yesterday.

Sankyo, the Japanese drugmaker, will transfer sales of Sandoz drugs in Japan to Sandoz Pharmaceuticals over a four-year period starting October 1, 1990, the companies said.

Sankyo sold about Y60 billion (£266.6 million) of drugs imported by Sandoz Pharmaceuticals from its Swiss parent in the year to end-March, a Sankyo spokesman said. The decision to sell products in Japan separately came about because Sandoz Pharmaceuticals has established its own sales network in Japan.

Sankyo also wants to devote more time to selling drugs it has developed itself.

Sankyo will, however, continue to sell two Sandoz drugs in Japan, sales of which amounted to about Y6 billion in 1988/89.

The drugs are Sabromin, which improves blood circulation in the brain and metabolism, and is effective for cerebral arteriosclerosis.

The other is Sanglopor, an immunoglobulin preparation.

Aid package may be needed for Savings and Loans

Losses rise at US savings banks

By Our Financial Staff

The troubled savings and loan institutions rescued by the US government in 1988 under long-term assistance agreements are still losing money at an unexpectedly fast rate, driving up the potential costs of the bail-out plan and adding more than $2 billion (£1.25 billion) of previously undisclosed losses to the deficits reported by the industry in the first half of 1989.

Data from the Office of Thrift Supervision discloses for the first time that the government spent $1.9 billion to help offset continuing heavy operating losses in the first six months at many of the institutions it bailed out in 1988.

The figure outstrips some estimates of the rate at which the government will have to keep pumping money into supposedly-rescued S&Ls and has surprised even some federal officials. It was not included in reports of the already huge $7.2 billion of losses by the industry to June 30. Furthermore, the data from which the $1.9 billion was drawn does not include results from a number of other S&Ls supposedly rescued by the government in 1988, including several of the industry's biggest loss-makers.

It suggests the government's actual first-half costs of providing on-going assistance to the 1988 casualties went far beyond $1.9 billion.

The heavy continuing expenditure on past bail-outs casts further doubt on the staggering $166 billion, 10-year price-tag the government has placed on its rescue bill, passed in August.

The estimate allocates $39 billion for S&Ls closed in 1988, $50 billion for those it expects to be closed in the next three years and $24 billion for S&Ls that go broke after that. The remainder is for debt interest.

Mr William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp, has now questioned the adequacy of the $50 billion provided in the bill to merge or close S&Ls it now controls or expects to take over in the next three years.

"All of this is simply laying the groundwork for Bail-out Bill II," said Mr Allan Bortel, an analyst with Shearson Lehman Hutton in San Francisco. "The first one was just a down-payment."

The Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp closed or merged 205 S&Ls in 1988 and "stabilized" 18 others by changing management or otherwise attempting to temporarily staunch losses.

To attract potential buyers for the dead institutions, FSLIC had to offer numerous inducements, from yield-maintenance guarantees, which assure purchasers of a profitable spread on non-performing assets, to capital coverage, which makes up for losses on asset sales.

The $1.9 billion figure contained in the Office of Thrift Supervision data reflects how much the government is having to dole out under such guarantees.

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US jobs news lifts Dow by 13 points

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 13 points to 2,786.56 in early trading. A smaller-than-expected rise in US employment in September and a big downward revision in the rise in employment for August continued to lift shares, especially blue chips.

Bonds advanced on hopes the Federal Reserve might be prompted to ease credit because of the figures.

AMR, which owns American Airlines, improved by 2¼ to 102½ despite some doubts in the market that the $120-a-share bid for AMR by Mr Donald Trump, the investor, would go through.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index sank 313.64 points, or 0.88 per cent, to 35,209.35. Prices slumped to end broadly lower in moderate trading. Shares were hit by selling after concerted interest rate rises in Europe failed to push the dollar down.

● **Hong Kong** — The blue-chip Hang Seng index closed 23.04 up at a post-June 4 high of 2,826.21, its fourth consecutive such high. The broader-based Hong Kong index rose 15.42 to 1,862.47.

● **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index closed 0.7 up at 1,773.2.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index rose 8.65 points, or about 0.5 per cent, to 1,624.86.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index rose 8.17 to 1,413.15.

	Oct 5	Oct 4
AMR Cp	100¼	83
ASA	44⅝	45
Aetna Life	59	58⅝
Allied Signal	38	38⅜
Alcoa	78⅞	78⅝
Amax Inc	26⅝	26½
AMR Hess	43⅝	43½
Am Brands	78⅜	78⅜
Am Cynmd	54⅝	53½
Am Ele Pwr	30¼	30¼
Amexs	38	38⅜
Am Family	19⅝	18⅜
Am Home	105⅝	105⅝
Am Int Grp	106⅜	106½
Am Telph	45	44⅝
Amoco	48⅜	49
Anheuser B	42⅝	43¼
Arch Dan	32⅜	32¼
Armco Steel	12⅝	13
Asarco Inc	34	34½
Ashland Oil	41⅛	40⅝
Atl Richfld	106⅜	106⅝
Avon Prod	32	32⅝
Bk Boston	25	25
Bank NY	50½	50⅝
Bankamer	35⅝	36
Bkrs Tst NY	55⅝	55¼
Baxter	23⅝	23⅝
Beth Steel	21	21¼
Boeing	58⅜	59½
Boise Casc	43½	44½
Borden	36	36⅝
Brist Myr	53⅜	53⅜
BP	59⅝	59½
Broad Inc	11	10½
Brunswick	15⅝	16⅝
Burl Nth	29¼	29⅝
CBS	210⅝	211
CMS Engy	37½	36⅜
CPC Int	66	67
CSX Cp	36¼	36⅝
Camp Soup	49⅝	49⅝
Can Pacific	23½	23⅜
Caterpiller	61¼	61⅝
Centrl SW	35⅝	36⅝
Champion	34	34¼
Chase Man	42⅝	43
Chem Bank	40⅝	40⅜
Chevron	64¼	62⅝
Chrysler	25½	25½
Citicorp	33⅜	34½
Clark Eq	40	40⅜
Coca Cola	70⅝	70½
Colgate	64	64
Columb Gas	47½	46½
Cmb'tn Eng	31½	31⅝
Cmwlth Edi	37⅝	37⅜
Cons Edis	25	24⅝
Consol Ng	48	48⅜
Cont Data	18⅝	18⅝
Corng Inc	41⅝	41¼
Crane	23⅜	23¼
Curtiss W	61½	60⅝
Data Genl	14⅝	15
Deere Co	60¼	59⅝
Delta Airl	78⅜	74¼
Detroit Edi	23⅝	23¼
Digital Eq	91¼	89⅝
Disney	125⅝	126⅝
Dow Chem	104½	105⅝
Dressr Ind	45¼	45⅝
Dupont	121⅝	122½
Duke Pwr	51½	51⅝
East Kodak	48⅝	48⅝
Eaton Cp	61½	61⅝
Emerson El	36	36⅝
Entergy	21⅝	22½
Exxon	44⅝	45
Farah Inc	7⅝	7¼

	Oct 5	Oct 4
Fedders	14¼	14⅝
Fst Chicago	48⅝	48⅝
Fst Int Bncp	63¼	63⅝
Fst Penn C	16⅞	16⅝
FT Wachva	44⅝	44⅝
Ford Motor	53¼	53½
Fost Whlr	19⅝	n.a
GTE Cp	65⅝	65⅝
Gen Cp	18⅜	18⅜
Gn Dynam	59	58⅝
Gen Electric	58⅝	58⅝
Gen Inst	36⅝	35⅞
Gen Mills	71¼	71⅝
Gen Motors	48¼	48⅜
Gen Pub Ut	42⅝	42¼
Genesco	8⅝	8⅝
Georgia Pac	60⅝	61⅝
Gillette	47⅝	48⅝
Goodrich	55⅝	55
Goodyear	53⅝	52⅝
Grace Co	36⅝	36¼
Grt Atl Pac	59⅜	59⅝
Greyhnd	34⅜	35¼
Gruman	20⅝	20⅝
Heinz	61⅝	62¼
Hercules	50⅝	50⅝
Hewlett Pk	50	49
Hilton	109⅝	105⅝
Hitachi	105⅝	n.a
Honda	26⅜	26⅝
Honeywell	83⅝	83⅝
ITT Cp	62⅝	63
INCO	35	34⅝
Ing Rand Wl	48⅝	47⅝
Inland Steel	42	41⅝
IBM	107½	108⅜
Int Paper	56	56⅝
Jhns & Jhns	55⅝	55⅜
K Mart	39	39⅝
Kerr McGee	49	49⅝
Kimbrly Clrk	68⅜	68½
Knght Ridr	54¼	54⅝
Kroger	18⅝	18⅝
LTV Cp	1⅜	1⅜
Litton	92⅜	91¼
Lockheed	48⅝	49⅝
Lone Star	31⅝	31⅝
Man H'nver	43⅝	43¼
Manville	9⅜	9⅜
Mapco	37⅝	37⅝
Marriott	37⅝	37¼
Mt Marrieta	52⅝	52⅜
Masco Cp	27⅝	26⅝
Mcdonalds	30	30
McDonnell	70⅝	70⅝
Mead Cp	42	42
Merck	77⅜	77⅜
Minsta Mng	75⅝	75⅜
Mitsub Bk	22½	22⅝
Mobil	57⅝	58
Monsanto	118	120⅝
Montedison	16⅝	16⅝
Morgan Jp	46⅝	46⅝
Motorola	59⅝	58⅝
NCR	59⅝	59¼
NL Indstrs	24¼	24⅜
Nat Med Ent	37⅝	37⅝
Nat Semi	8⅝	8⅝
Norfolk Sth	38⅝	39⅜
NYNEX	82⅝	n.a
Occid Petl	29⅝	29⅝
Ogden Cp	33⅜	33⅜
Olin Cp	63⅝	63⅝
PPG Ind	42⅝	42⅜
Pac Enterp	53½	53
Pac Gas El	19⅝	19⅝
Pan Am	4⅜	3⅝
Paramt Cm	61¼	58⅜
Penney JC	68⅝	68

	Oct 5	Oct 4
Pennzoil	81⅝	81
Pepsico	60⅝	60⅝
Pfizer	68⅜	69
Phelps Dod	71⅝	71½
Philip Mor	174⅝	171¼
Philip Ptrl	26⅝	26⅝
Polaroid	46⅝	46⅝
Primerica	29⅜	29
Proct Gble	126⅝	126⅝
Pub SE Gr	26⅜	26⅜
Raytheon	82½	82¼
Rynlds Metl	58⅜	59
Rockwell Int	24⅝	24½
Royal Dutch	69	69
Scecorp	35⅜	35⅝
S Fe Pac Cp	23⅜	23⅜
Sara Lee	60¼	59⅝
Schlumb	44⅝	44¼
Scott Paper	51⅝	51¼
Seagram	83⅝	84½
Sears Roeb	43⅝	44
Sec Pac	49⅜	49⅝
Shell Trans	42⅝	42⅝
Sony Cp	60⅝	59⅝
SW Bell	58	57½
Squibb	n.a	n.a
Sun Comp	40⅝	40⅝
TDK	41½	41
TRW Inc	47⅝	47½
Teledyne	360⅝	361
Tenneco	61⅝	61¼
Texaco	51¼	51½
Texas Inst	38⅝	38⅝
Tex Util	32½	32½
Textron	27⅝	27½
Timken	34⅝	34⅝
Travelers	41⅝	42½
UAL Cp	261½	263
USG Cp	3⅜	3¼
USX Cp	38⅝	38⅝
Unilever Plc	41½	41⅝
Un Carbide	27⅝	28⅜
Un Pac Cp	78¼	79⅜
Unisys Cp	19⅝	19⅜
Unit Brand	16⅝	16⅜
Us West	73⅜	73⅜
Utd Tech	58⅝	56⅜
Unocal	57	56⅜
Warn Lamb	110⅝	112⅝
Wells Far	88⅝	87⅝
Westg El	69⅝	70
Weyershr	30½	30⅝
Whirlpool	28⅜	29
Whitman Cp	32⅝	31¼
Whitaker	12	12⅝
Woolworth	66⅝	66⅜
Xerox Cp	65⅜	65⅜
Zenith	16	16½

CANADIAN PRICES

	Oct 5	Oct 4
Agnco Eag	9½	9⅝
Alcan Alum	27¼	27⅜
Can Pacific	27⅝	27⅝
Cominco	29⅜	30¼
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	26⅜	26⅝
Hud Bay M	34⅜	34¼
Imasco	38⅜	38⅜
Imperial Oil	63⅜	63⅝
Inco	41¼	40⅝
Royl Trstco	17	17
Seagram	98⅝	98⅝
Shell Can	40⅝	40¼
Stelco	22⅝	22
Thmsn N 'A'	18¼	18⅜
Varity Cp	2.98	2.95
WCE	20⅝	20⅝
Weston	45	44⅜

STOCK MARKET

Shares start to recover as late rally helps cut losses

Prices suffered another early round of cuts in the wake of this week's rise in bank base rates to 15 per cent before partly recovering, helped by a firm start on Wall Street.

Market-makers started in determined mood, continuing to mark prices sharply lower as they watched the pound lose further ground against the dollar. The uncertainty in the foreign exchange markets made City folk wonder if the Chancellor's latest measures would prove enough to halt the pound's decline.

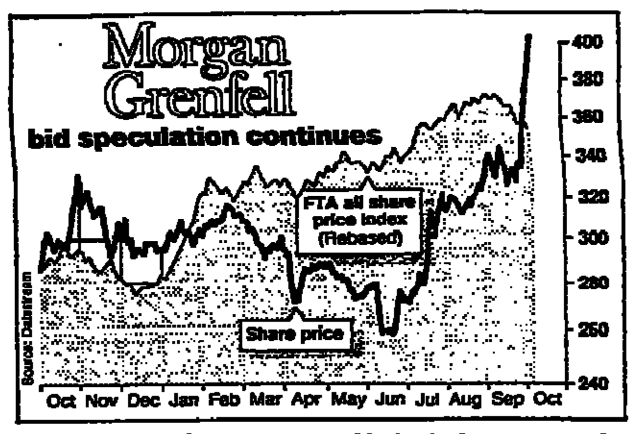
Selling pressure remained light with just 381 million shares traded by 3 pm. The appearance of a few, cheap buyers and several speculative situations provided the scope for a strong rally during the afternoon. The FT-SE 100 index, which was down by almost 32 points in early trading, continued to make up lost ground, to stand just 4.8 points lower at 2,276.8 at 4 pm. Blue chips once again bore the brunt of the markdown, which may account for the loss in the FT index of 30 shares of 10.1 at 1,856.1.

Government securities also steadied after a nervous start. Prices at the longer end clawed back falls to finish £¼ higher.

One of the biggest moves in after-hours' trading was Saatchi & Saatchi, one of the world's leading advertising agencies, which soared 49p to 349p. Brokers reported heavy turnover amid claims that someone is trying to build a holding as the prelude to a bid. Saatchi has fallen from grace in the past couple of years. But in its heyday, the price was trading above 900p.

Among the leaders, ICI fell 14p to £11.98 with analysts having mixed opinions about the outlook for the company if the economy moves into recession. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, gave a warning to its clients last week that ICI's growth was about to slow after reducing its pre-tax profits forecast for 1989 by £50 million to £1.6 billion. BZW has also forecast an unchanged profit for next year.

BAT Industries climbed 16p to 851p, revived by claims from Sir James Goldsmith that his consortium intends to renew its bid once the court cases involving nine US states have been settled.



In New York, Chevron rose for the fourth day in a row, boosted by suggestions that BP is about to make a bid. Traders on Wall Street claim that there has been a big buyer in the market this week who may be trying to build a stake. BP slipped 1p to 301p.

A bid for Jaguar is just around the corner — if the behaviour of the share price this week is anything to go by. The price of the troubled luxury-car manufacturer surged by another 61p to a record 730p on heavy turnover with almost 10 million shares traded.

Market-makers are feeling the squeeze, having seen the price come up from about 408p in the last account when Ford announced it wanted to buy a 15 per cent stake and so put Jaguar in play as a takeover target.

The speculators are now dreaming of a battle developing between Ford and its biggest rival, General Motors, which has also expressed an interest in Jaguar. There has been talk on Wall Street that GM is poised to take a stake in Jaguar and may even be tempted to make a full bid of at least 900p a share.

The Government's golden share option, which can block any unwanted bid, does not expire until the start of 1991. But sliding profits have made Jaguar vulnerable and forced it to start looking for a partner to share in future developments.

Morgan Grenfell spent another volatile day, clawing back much of an early 20p fall to finish just 4p adrift at 395p. On Thursday, the group tried to play down this week's intense bid speculation by announcing it was not in bid talks with anyone. This followed reports that Willis Faber, the insurance broker, was on the verge of selling its 20.5 per cent holding in Morgan to Credit Suisse First Boston, the international securities house.

Morgan was floated at 500p a share in 1986 but has seen its price eroded by the Guinness affair and the stock market crash. Willis Faber ended 6p cheaper at 249p.

Thursday's rise in base rates has taken more of a toll in some sectors than in others. The building sector has been depressed about dearer money for some time and it continued to lose ground. Falls were again seen among most of the builders and construction companies as well as their suppliers, although most managed to trim their losses. Amec lost 14p to 429p, Bellwinch 3p to 38p, Benlox 6p to 38p, Crest Nicholson 4p to 197p, Federated Housing 4p to 113p, John Laing (ordinary) 10p to 266p, McCarthy & Stone 7p to 116p, Taylor Woodrow 6p to 284p and George Wimpey 6p to 245p.

The retail sector also remained under a cloud. It has been feeling the pinch for most of this year because of high interest rates and the outlook for Christmas, usually the busiest time in the retail calender, is looking increasingly bleak. Analysts like Mr Nick Bubb at Morgan Stanley, the broker, are planning to review their forecasts for all companies sensitive to movements in interest rates.

Among the hardest hit were Body Shop, 18p to 408p, Burton, 11p to 211p, Kingfisher, 8p to 302p, Marks and Spencer, 3p to 189p, J Menzies — the subject of a profits downgrading this week — 8p to 372p and Next, 5p to 100p following disappointing interim figures on Thursday.

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	4.50	4.60	3.68	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.40	8.73	6.98	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	10.44	10.44	8.35	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	10.88	10.88	8.70	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	10.41	10.41	8.33	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" " "	10.31	10.31	8.25	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	9.88	9.88	7.90	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	9.88	9.88	7.90	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	10.01	10.49	8.39	2,500	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	8.30	8.60	6.88	1,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	7.10	7.30	5.84	No min‡	none	01 626 6543
Girobank	8.40	8.40	6.72	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	6.50	6.70	5.36	500‡	none	01-325 3336
Midland HICA	8.50	8.77	7.02	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	8.50	8.77	7.02	500‡	none	01-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	9.19	9.51	7.61	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	9.00	9.00	7.20	2,000	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
B'ham Midshires	8.15	8.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Britannia	8.40	8.40	6.74	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	8.50	8.50	6.80	500 min	—	—
Chelt & Glouc	9.25	9.25	7.40	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	9.40	9.40	7.52	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Frome Selwood	9.00	9.20	7.20	500 min	none	—
Hendon	9.50	9.73	7.60	500 min	30 day	—
Holmesdale Benf	10.00	10.25	8.00	500 min	60 day	—
Mornington	10.00	10.25	8.00	1,000 min	90 day	—
Alliance & Leic.	10.35	10.35	8.28	1,000 min	6 mths	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.75	3.75	3.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	6.90	6.90	5.52	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	6.00	6.00	4.80	500 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c²	10.75	8.06	6.45	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	11.50	8.63	6.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	11.50	8.63	6.90		3 mth	041-648-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†‡	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	12.00	9.02	7.23	100-no max	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
American Life	11.60	11.60	9.88	5,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
New Direction Fin	10.25	10.25	8.71	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Premium Life	10.10	10.10	8.59	1,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
Pegasus	10.40	10.40	8.84	1,000 min	4 yrs	01 404 5766
Financial Assur	10.00	10.00	8.50	2,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (August 88-89)	+7.3%	Spanish Pesetas:	187.00
Bank Base Rate	15.0%	French Francs:	10.02
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachma:	260.00
Credit Card	16-26.8%	Italian Lire:	2165.00

*¹ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ² Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums □ No longer on sale*

LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Halifax 0422 333333	12.95	£60k+	80	Apex mort. 0.55% cut from basic rate
Woolwich 01 854 2400	13.00	£60k+	95	Premier mort. after 0.5% cut for 5yrs
Bristol & West 0272 294271	12.50	£15k+	95	Carefree mort. after 1% cut on 1yr
BANKS				
Abbey National 0908 691122	12.95	£60k+	100	100% to 75k, 95% to 100k, 90% thereafter
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Mortgage Corp 0483 754000	12.99	16k+	95	Rate held till Nov 89

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	12.89	13.57	+0.02	..
Bear	13.88	14.62	-0.07	..
Owl	18.38	19.35	-0.14	..
Bull	16.58	17.44	..	..
Stag	17.20	18.11	-0.02	..
Gilt Edged		12.12	-0.07	..
Deposit		11.63	+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	15.38	16.19	+0.04	..
Bear	17.08	17.98	-0.08	..
Owl	24.06	25.33	-0.20	..
Bull	21.27	22.39	+0.01	..
Stag	20.86	21.96	-0.03	..
Gilt Edged		13.7	-0.1	..
Deposit		13.26	+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	234.0	238.6	-1.49	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	312.3	328.8	+0.2	..
Do Accum	465.1	489.7	+0.4	..
Equity Fund Income	136.3	143.5	+1.0	..
Do Accum	158.2	166.6	+0.3	..
Selective Fund	351.6	370.2	+1.2	..
Money Fund	264.2	278.2	+0.5	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	364.7	383.9	+0.3	..
Equity Ser 4	158.5	166.9	+1.0	..
Man Ser 4	449.6	473.3	+2.6	..
Conv Ser 4	235.5	247.9	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	235.3	247.7	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	219.2	230.8	-0.4	..
American Ser 4	338.6	356.5	+11.3	..
High Inc Ser 4	462.0	486.4	+3.3	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	139.7	147.2	-0.6	..
Japan Ser 4	356.5	375.3	-1.6	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£10.84	11.41	+0.06	..
European Fd Accum	268.1	282.2	+0.6	..
Fixed Int Acc	344.0	362.1	-1.4	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	240.4	253.0	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	435.7	458.5	+2.6	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	207.2	218.0	..	..
Japan Fund	312.9	329.4	..	..
Nth American Fd Acc	219.2	230.7	+6.0	..
Prop Fd Acc	351.1	369.5	+2.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	742.3	781.3	+5.1	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	267.2	281.3	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	905.8	953.5	+0.8	..
Property Accum	514.2	541.3	+0.5	..
Far East Accum	220.7	232.4	-1.8	..
Managed Capital	400.4	421.5	-0.9	..
Do Accum	709.5	746.9	+0.1	..
Overseas Accum	803.7	835.5	-1.0	..
Gilt Edged Accum	313.0	329.5	-2.7	..
Amer Equity Accum	492.8	518.6	+12.0	..
Amer Man Accum	226.6	238.6	+4.3	..
Amer Prop Accum	148.3	156.2	+0.5	..
ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terral Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Freephone 0800 833 580				
Managed Growth	354.8	373.5	-1.95	..
Managed Income	146.4	154.1	-4.39	..
International	241.7	254.4	+0.16	..
High Income	230.7	242.9	-6.40	..
Income & Growth	323.0	340.1	-10.13	..
Basic Resource	150.4	158.3	-3.38	..
American	202.6	213.3	-4.47	..
Japan & General	573.6	603.8	+26.79	..
Special Situations	272.6	287.0	-7.14	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	627.5	660.6	+1.4	..
Do Initial	496.9	523.1	+1.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	237.1	249.6	-1.2	..
Do Initial	189.4	199.4	-1.0	..
International Accum	333.3	357.2	+1.8	..
Do Initial	269.2	283.4	+1.4	..
Managed Accum	410.4	432.0	+0.9	..
Do Initial	326.2	343.4	+0.7	..
Money Accum	209.3	220.4	+0.2	..
Do Initial	161.4	169.9	..	..
Property Accum	323.7	340.8	+0.1	..
Do Initial	255.0	268.5	-0.2	..
America Accum	219.6	231.2	+7.0	..
Do Initial	177.3	186.7	+5.6	..
Australia Accum	203.0	213.7	+6.9	..
Do Initial	164.1	172.8	+5.5	..
Financial Accum	278.8	293.5	+1.4	..
Do Initial	225.0	236.9	+1.1	..
500 Accum	336.3	354.0	-0.3	..
Do Initial	267.6	281.7	-0.3	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	482.4	507.8	-7.0	..
Do Initial 2	381.6	401.7	-5.6	..
Income Accum	376.0	395.8	+0.6	..
Do Initial	302.1	318.1	+0.5	..
Leisure Accum	237.5	250.0	-0.4	..
Special Sits Accum	168.1	177.0	+0.2	..
Univ Tech Accum	127.1	133.8	+0.9	..
Do Initial	105.0	110.6	+0.7	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund		632.31	-2.63	..
Income Fund	534.7	562.9	-6.05	..
Extra Income Fund	477.1	502.2	-4.32	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	388.9	409.4	-1.60	..
Balanced Fund	435.3	458.2	-8.45	..
Smllr Co's & Rc Fd	575.4	605.7	-24.04	..
Int Technology Fund	381.1	401.1	-2.91	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	271.5	285.8	-1.16	..
Energy Int Fund	141.1	148.5	-0.86	..
Pacific Basin Fund	343.1	361.1	-0.17	..
German Growth Fd	157.7	166.0	-0.43	..
Japan Growth Fd	218.7	230.2	-0.12	..
The UK Gth Fd	148.4	156.2	-1.51	..
Contl Euro Gth	94.82	99.82	-0.50	..
Property Fund	298.8	314.5	+5.76	..
Fixed Interest Fund	215.8	227.1	-0.17	..
Cash Fund	207.7	218.7	+0.15	..
Managed Inv Fund	333.8	351.4	-1.72	..
Nth Amer Recov	147.8	155.6	-0.27	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth		206.8	..	..
Managed	237.8	250.4	+0.8	..
Property	197.6	208.0	+0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	157.1	165.4	-0.3	..
Index-Linked	139.2	146.6	-0.2	..
Equity	258.1	271.7	+1.3	..
Cash	163.4	172.0	..	..
Midland Bk UT	254.8	268.0	+1.0	..
Midland Bk Int	279.9	294.7	+3.7	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units		£95.8	+3.5	...
Property Units		£31.91	+0.10	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£47.03	49.77	+0.46	..
2nd Equity Accum	459.1	485.8	+2.4	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	437.7	463.2	+1.4	..
2nd Property Accum	305.4	323.2	+1.1	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	134.8	142.6	+0.4	..
2nd Managed Acc	333.3	352.7	+3.1	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	155.0	164.0	+2.0	..
2nd Deposit Accum	207.8	219.9	..	..
2nd Gilt Accum	199.4	211.0	+0.6	..
2nd Amer Accum	332.2	351.5	+12.5	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	188.6	199.6	+0.3	..
2nd Index Accum	130.5	138.1	-0.6	..
2nd Far East Accum	329.9	349.1	+3.0	..
2nd Global Accum	110.2	116.6	+1.0	..
2nd Euro Accum	120.3	127.3	+0.6	..
2nd Japan Accum	204.4	216.3	+3.6	..
2nd Heritage Acc	76.2	80.6	-0.2	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	96.0	101.6	-0.9	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc	109.6	116.2	+0.5	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	200.9	211.5	..	..
Money Fund	272.4	286.8	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	533.7	561.8	+3.8	..
Equity Fund	410.8	432.5	-0.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	166.9	175.7	+0.9	..
Far East Fund	399.4	420.5	-0.5	..
Nth Amer Fund	173.9	183.1	+3.2	..
Nat Resources Fund	244.9	257.8	+1.3	..
Alexandra Fund	113.2	119.2	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	199.7	210.3	+2.0	..
Ruby	125.3	131.9	+2.3	..
Emerald	101.7	107.1	+0.1	..
Equity	222.8	234.6	+1.6	..
Property	201.8	212.5	+0.3	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	133.5	140.6	-0.1	..
Indexed Secs	118.3	124.6	-0.6	..
Cash	132.4	139.4	+0.2	..
Nth American	145.7	153.4	+3.5	..
Far East	234.2	246.6	+4.7	..
International	167.0	175.8	+3.4	..
Special Sits	237.3	249.8	-0.6	..
Intl Income	209.3	220.4	+1.4	..
American Inc	145.2	152.9	+5.6	..
European	230.4	242.6	+3.5	..
Japanese	164.1	172.8	+3.2	..
SE Asia	183.6	193.3	+3.2	..
Home Inv WP Reg	107.2	112.9	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	107.2	112.9	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	206.8	217.7	+2.0	..
Equity	223.2	235.0	+1.5	..
Property	183.2	192.9	+0.4	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	149.7	157.6	+0.1	..
Index Linked	126.1	132.8	-0.9	..
Cash	156.5	164.8	+0.3	..
Nth American	168.8	177.7	+6.5	..
Far East Acc	286.4	301.5	+4.7	..
International Acc	198.8	209.3	+3.6	..
Special Sits	341.4	359.4	+1.6	..
European Flex	297.6	313.3	+5.4	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U Ass:Key		199.17	..	..
CML U Ass:Pacamkr		258.0	..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	150.0	159.9	+2.23	..
CML U Ass:Equity	398.4	419.4	-8.78	..
CML U Ass:FI	219.8	230.7	-1.19	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	299.8	315.6	-5.62	..
CML U Ass:Prop	372.1	391.7	-9.46	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	158.0	166.3	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	192.9	203.0	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	£10.95	11.54	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	£13.36	14.068	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Cap	256.6	270.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Inv	313.2	329.7	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	161.8	170.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	197.3	207.7	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	454.4	478.3	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	534.7	563.9	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)		441.22	..	..
Var Ann (5)		80.58	-1.03	..
Prime- Managed	305.6	321.9	+1.7	..
Prime- UK Equity	373.8	393.6	+2.7	..
Prime- Int Equity	247.8	260.9	+1.8	..
Prime- Property	209.6	220.7	+0.9	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	161.5	170.1	-0.5	..
Prime- Index-Linked	124.2	130.8	-0.7	..
Prime- Cash	147.5	155.3	+0.1	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	859.4	904.6	..	..
Equity Fund	£12.12	12.76	..	..
PIP Fund		£36.327	..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	430.5	453.1	+4.4	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	247.9	260.9	-0.8	..
Life Equity Accum	558.8	588.2	+6.1	..
Life Money Accum	215.8	227.1	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	548.7	577.5	-0.9	..
Life Intl Accum	432.8	455.5	+7.6	..
Life High Inc Accum	562.4	592.0	+6.6	..
Life Property Accum	244.5	257.4	..	..
Crown Brit Inv A	882.5	964.9	..	..
Brewin Equity	752.7	792.3	..	..
DBS Managed	232.9	245.1	..	..
Growth Accum	342.4	360.4	+3.4	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	109.1	115.4	-1.8	..
Performance Plus	104.5	110.6	-2.2	..
With Profit Perf	122.2	129.3	+0.3	..
UK Opportunity	136.6	144.6	-5.8	..
Euro Opportunity	125.1	132.4	-3.3	..
North Amer Opp	109.1	115.5	+0.1	..
Far East Opp	127.2	134.6	-2.2	..
Gth Prop Series 1	216.0	227.3	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	167.2	176.9	..	..
Fixed Int	113.6	120.4	-0.5	..
Cash	114.1	120.7	+0.2	..
Managed Pens	416.5	425.0	..	..
Overseas	111.1	117.6	-1.4	..

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EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	125.4	132.1	+0.2	..
Blue Chip Fund	167.5	176.4	+0.7	..
Adventurous Fund	185.5	195.3	-0.7	..
Performance Fund	195.6	205.9	+2.3	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	204.3	211.7	..	3.87
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 463463				
Reserve				
Balcad (Mxd)	479.3	504.5	+0.1	..
Opportunity	127.6	134.3	+2.1	..
UK Equities	627.8	660.8	+1.2	..
Higher Inc	632.2	665.5	+2.1	..
North Amer	284.3	299.2	+7.9	..
Far East	449.3	472.9	-0.8	..
Europe	309.5	325.7	+3.1	..
Intnl	387.8	408.2	+2.5	..
Property	447.4	470.9	+0.6	..
Fixed Int	274.9	289.3	-0.7	..
Ind-Lnkd Sec	127.3	133.9	-0.4	..
G'teed Depst	210.9	221.9	+0.3	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	213.9	225.2	+0.6	..
UK Equity	264.7	278.7	+0.5	..
Stewardship	256.6	270.2	-0.6	..
Overseas Equity	220.7	232.4	+2.2	..
North American	116.9	123.1	+4.2	..
Pacific Basin	125.4	132.1	+0.6	..
European	140.4	147.8	+1.8	..
Property	200.9	211.5	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	148.2	156.1	-0.7	..
Index Linked	119.1	125.4	-0.5	..
Cash	141.2	148.7	+0.2	..
GT MANAGEMENT 8th Floor 8 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575				
GT Plan Bond Fund	199.5	210.0	+1.2	..
GT Plan High Yield	289.0	304.3	+1.8	..
GT Plan Far East	325.5	342.7	+8.2	..
GT Plan North Amer	164.0	172.7	+8.5	..
GT Plan UK & GE	381.9	402.0	+0.6	..
GT Plan Worldwide	326.8	344.1	+8.0	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	154.1	162.1	+0.8	..
UK Equity	204.3	215.0	+0.2	..
Fixed Int	127.2	133.8	-0.1	..
Index-Linked	117.9	124.0	-0.4	..
Cash Deposit	125.5	132.0	+0.2	..
Property	164.9	173.5	+0.7	..
International	132.6	139.5	+0.4	..
American	106.9	112.4	+2.2	..
Japan	198.2	208.5	+4.1	..
Japan Smllr Co's	201.5	212.1	+4.5	..
European	130.5	137.2	+0.7	..
Pacific Fund	139.9	147.1	+1.8	..
Conv Life	109.0	114.6	+0.2	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc		550.9	+1.2	..
Do Init		357.9	+0.6	..
Do Inv s	550.6	579.9	+1.2	..
UK Equity	298.1	311.8	..	..
Ocean Equity	201.0	211.7	+2.1	..
Smaller Cos	188.1	198.1	-0.6	..
Gilt Plus	136.8	146.2	-0.7	..
Do 88	142.7	150.8	..	..
Fixed Int Dep	133.8	141.0	+0.2	..
Managed	231.7	244.0	+0.8	..
Inter Man	201.8	212.5	+1.1	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	568.2	598.7	+5.1	..
Money Fund	228.1	240.1	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	455.3	479.6	-5.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	174.6	184.0	+0.6	..
Property Fund	323.5	340.8	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	303.9	320.2	+8.5	..
Income	518.5	546.4	-0.3	..
International Growth	340.9	359.2	+7.0	..
Capital Fund	481.9	507.8	-0.3	..
Recovery Fund	384.4	405.1	+1.8	..
Japan & General	288.9	304.4	+6.7	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	720.7	750.7	+2.8	..
Managed Initial	406.1	427.4	-2.7	..
Do Accum	515.5	542.6	-3.2	..
Equity Initial	615.4	647.8	-9.4	..
Do Accum	781.3	822.4	-11.6	..
Fixed Int Initial	272.3	286.6	-0.4	..
Do Accum	343.7	359.9	-0.3	..
Intl Initial	384.6	404.9	+2.1	..
Do Accum	488.3	514.0	+2.9	..
Nth Amer Initial	128.4	135.2	+1.6	..
Do Accum	148.4	156.2	+1.9	..
Pacific Initial	230.5	242.6	-1.7	..
Do Accum	263.8	277.7	-1.9	..
Property Initial	206.5	217.3	+1.1	..
Do Accum	262.0	275.8	+1.9	..
Index-Linked Initial	119.4	125.7	-0.5	..
Do Accum	137.9	145.2	-0.6	..
Deposit Initial	156.1	164.3	+0.2	..
Do Accum	198.1	208.5	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	87.2	91.8	+0.5	..
Do Accum	93.1	98.0	+0.5	..
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE 41 Tower Hill London EC3N 4HA 01-702 9961				
Managed	116.4	122.5	+0.4	..
Do Pens	125.0	131.5	+0.6	..
UK Equity	111.1	116.9	-0.4	..
Do Pens	116.1	122.2	-0.6	..
International	115.9	121.9	+1.3	..
Do Pens	124.2	130.7	+1.9	..
Deposit	102.5	107.8	+0.2	..
Do Pens	107.0	112.6	+0.2	..

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HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	354.4	374.1	-2.4	..
Gilt Edged Fund	83.0	87.7	..	..
Capital Growth Inc	325.0	343.1	-3.7	..
Technology Fund	148.1	156.4	..	..
Natural Resources	114.4	120.8	..	..
Special Situations	334.8	353.2	+0.4	..
North America Fund	260.5	275.0	+3.1	..
Far East Fund	431.5	455.5	+1.6	..
Managed Fund	367.3	387.7	-0.9	..
Deposit Fund	162.7	171.3	+0.4	..
Prime Residential	162.5	171.1	..	..
Property Fund	226.4	238.4	-3.6	..
Managed Currency	121.6	128.4	..	..
Global Health Care	148.9	157.2	..	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	354.9	373.6	-5.8	..
British Fund	347.5	365.8	-2.8	..
International Fund	370.3	389.8	-1.1	..
Dollar Fund	259.5	273.2	+2.6	..
Capital Fund	331.5	349.0	-4.4	..
Income Fund	469.5	494.3	+3.4	..
Property Series 'A'	411.3	433.0	+4.1	..
Property Units	709.5	745.0	+9.2	..
Financial Fund	334.9	352.6	-3.2	..
Managed Series 'A'	390.3	410.9	-1.4	..
Do 'C'	255.4	268.9	-1.0	..
Managed Units	688.9	725.2	+1.6	..
High Yield Fund	440.0	463.2	-7.6	..
Money Series 'A'	204.4	215.2	+0.3	..
Money Units	265.3	279.3	+0.5	..
Equity Fund	435.6	458.6	-1.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	235.7	248.2	-0.2	..
Indexed Secs Fund	129.1	135.9	-0.7	..
European Fund	525.6	553.3	+4.1	..
Natural Res Fund	232.8	245.1	-1.5	..
Far East Fund	504.1	530.7	-1.8	..
Smaller Co's Fund	431.2	453.9	-13.9	..
Special Sits Fund	375.4	395.2	-7.7	..
Man Currency Fund	199.9	210.5	+1.5	..
Japanese Tech	258.8	273.5	-3.4	..
US Smaller Co's	117.5	123.7	+3.6	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Global Managed 3	382.9	403.1	+0.7	..
Global Property 3	222.8	234.3	+2.3	..
Global Fixed Int 3	326.5	343.7	-0.3	..
Global Equity 3	438.7	461.8	+1.0	..
Global Cash 3	151.6	159.6	+0.6	..
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	253.1	266.4	+0.2	..
UK Equity	393.3	414.0	-5.6	..
Property	289.9	305.2	+0.2	..
Money Market	180.7	190.3	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest	210.4	221.5	+0.5	..
Japan	373.0	392.6	-6.4	..
North America	130.1	136.9	+3.6	..
International	189.2	199.4	..	..
European	178.1	187.5	-0.5	..
Far East	118.2	124.5	+0.5	..
Special Sits	96.7	101.8	+0.1	..
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Growth Fund	357.1	386.1	+1.1	..
Managed Fd	297.4	313.1	+2.6	..
Fixed Int Fd	260.0	273.7	-1.2	..
Secure Cap Fd	206.9	217.8	+0.3	..
Equity Fd	878.7	924.9	+2.6	..
Property Fd	258.5	272.1	+1.5	..
Managed	379.0	399.0	+3.3	..
Gtd Mgd	348.9	367.3	-0.7	..
Property	461.4	485.7	+2.7	..
American	311.0	327.4	+10.0	..
UK Equity Fd	502.4	528.8	+1.4	..
High Yield	575.0	605.3	+1.3	..
Gilt Edged	288.2	303.4	-1.2	..
Money	286.8	301.9	+0.4	..
International	320.8	337.7	+1.8	..
Henderson Active	173.2	182.3	+1.7	..
Perpetual Active	195.7	206.0	+4.1	..
Growth Cap	336.8	354.5	+0.7	..
Do Accum	460.8	484.6	+1.0	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Monastore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1BE 0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	114.8	120.9	+0.2	..
Do Accum	134.0	141.1	+0.2	..
Brit Opps Int	111.1	117.0	-0.6	..
Do Accum	118.0	124.3	-0.3	..
Cash Initial	140.0	147.4	-0.3	..
Do Accum	206.2	217.1	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	487.4	513.1	-3.4	..
Do Accum	717.6	755.4	-3.0	..
Fixed Initial	257.8	271.4	-1.7	..
Do Accum	379.6	399.6	-1.4	..
Index-Linked Gilt	107.2	112.9	-1.5	..
Do Accum	134.7	141.8	-1.5	..
Intl Initial	299.8	315.6	-0.1	..
Do Accum	434.5	457.4	+1.0	..
Managed Initial	366.2	386.5	-2.0	..
Do Accum	539.1	567.5	-1.4	..
Property Initial	222.8	234.6	+0.1	..
Do Accum	328.1	345.4	+1.2	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	284.9	297.0	..	..
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity		646.6	+3.6	..
Fixed Interest		256.0	-0.7	..
Property		346.6	+8.5	..
Deposit		205.9	+0.2	..
Mixed		426.2	+3.7	..
Indexed Stock		148.3	-0.3	..
International		213.9	+3.6	..
Equity A		151.3	+0.9	..
Fixed Int A		114.1	-0.3	..
Property A		153.1	+3.7	..
Deposit A		122.0	+0.2	..
Mixed A		141.2	+1.2	..
Index Stock A		117.0	-0.3	..
International A		134.7	+2.4	..
Equity P		507.2	+3.7	..
Fixed Int P		312.3	-0.8	..
Property P		393.6	+4.8	..
Deposit P		217.4	+0.5	..
Mixed P		372.2	+3.4	..
Index Stock P		167.2	-0.2	..
International P		239.8	+4.9	..

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LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap		502.3	-0.8	..
Do Accum		671.8	-0.6	..
Property Cap		188.2	+0.8	..
Do Accum		246.2	+1.2	..
Fixed Interest Cap		181.4	-0.8	..
Do Accum		210.1	-1.0	..
Equity Cap		255.6	-0.1	..
Do Accum		335.8	+0.1	..
International Cap		210.8	+1.1	..
Do Accum		275.0	+1.8	..
Gtd Deposit Cap		154.5	+0.1	..
Do Accum		200.2	+0.2	..
Flexible Cap		256.0	+0.1	..
Do Accum		386.8	+0.3	..
Moneymaker Fund		217.2	+0.1	..
Capital Growth Fund		£10.4	+ ..	..
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer Bond Acc	286.5	301.0	+10.9	..
Amer Rec Bond	336.1	353.1	+11.8	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	134.6	141.5	+4.7	..
Australasia Bond	164.4	172.7	+4.7	..
Commodity Bond	222.2	233.5	+3.8	..
Deposit Bond Acc	257.8	270.8	+0.3	..
Equity Bond Accum	952.1	999.8	-7.4	..
European Bond Acc	248.4	261.0	+2.8	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	503.5	528.7	+3.9	..
Far East Bd Accum	185.0	194.3	+2.9	..
Gilt Bond Accum	273.1	286.9	-0.9	..
Gold Bond Accum	108.1	113.6	+0.4	..
High Yield Bond	307.2	322.7	+1.4	6.64
Index-Linked Gt Bd	148.2	155.7	-0.9	..
International Bond	536.1	563.0	+7.7	..
Japan Bond Acc	308.8	324.4	-8.5	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	256.0	268.9	+5.9	..
Managed Bonds	592.0	621.7	+2.4	..
Prop Bond Accum	381.5	400.7	+3.3	..
Rec Bond Accum	509.4	535.0	-1.0	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	217.9	229.4	-2.5	..
Do Accum	262.5	276.4	-3.0	..
Special Sits Fund	198.7	209.2	-0.9	..
Do Accum	239.6	252.3	-0.8	..
North American Fd	158.8	167.2	+4.6	..
Do Accum	191.3	201.4	+5.6	..
Pacific Basin Fund	333.6	351.2	+5.3	..
Do Accum	402.0	423.2	+6.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	216.7	228.2	..	..
Do Accum	261.4	275.2	+0.3	..
Property Fund	177.9	187.3	+0.3	..
Do Accum	214.4	225.7	+0.6	..
Deposit Fund	121.0	127.4	+0.2	..
Do Accum	146.1	153.8	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	221.5	233.2	+0.5	..
Do Accum	263.0	276.9	+0.7	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	536.5	564.7	..	..
Property Fund	510.7	537.6	..	..
Equity Fund	653.1	687.5	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	392.1	412.7	..	..
Deposit Fund	235.5	247.9	..	..
Investment Fund	273.8	287.5	..	..
International Fund	466.2	490.7	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property		520.2	+3.8	..
Equity Bond		219.9	+3.9	..
Money Market Bond		322.1	-1.8	..
Deposit Fund		270.5	+0.3	..
Managed Fund		353.9	+1.7	..
Intl Equity		398.3	+5.6	..
Intl Managed		372.0	+8.4	..
North American		148.4	+5.1	..
Far East		332.3	+4.4	..
Intl Currency		183.9	-0.1	..
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	103.3	108.7	-0.1	..
Fixed Interest	347.1	365.3	-1.1	..
Managed	505.1	532.7	+0.2	..
Deposit	244.8	257.4	+0.3	..
Overseas	294.2	309.6	+1.9	..
Property	413.8	435.5	+3.1	..
American	292.1	307.4	+6.6	..
Australian	325.1	342.2	+8.9	..
European	372.0	391.5	-1.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	184.2	193.8	-0.5	..
Global Managed	112.4	118.3	..	..
Income Accum	543.3	571.8	-2.1	..
Do Dist	423.5	445.7	-3.3	..
International	308.0	324.2	+0.1	..
Japan Smaller	420.2	442.3	+12.7	..
Singapore & Mal	202.3	212.9	+4.0	..
Smaller Companies	435.1	456.0	-3.8	..
Tokyo Fund	622.1	654.8	+0.5	..
UK Equity	453.1	476.9	-1.7	..
CCM Vang'd Mgd	488.6	514.3	+3.4	..
Equity Pension Cap	752.7	796.4	-0.4	..
Overseas Pension	345.7	363.8	+2.3	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	352.2	370.8	+1.7	..
UK Equity	456.1	480.2	-0.1	..
Overseas Equity	358.9	377.8	+6.7	..
American	283.2	298.2	+9.9	..
Far East	416.1	438.0	+3.7	..
Property	220.3	231.9	-0.3	..
Fixed Interest	222.3	234.0	-0.5	..
Indexed Gilt	137.1	144.4	-0.8	..
Deposit	154.0	162.2	+0.2	..
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	938.3	987.7	+7.2	..
Equity Fund	£19.09	20.09	+0.15	..
Property Fund (3)	522.5	550.2	-1.8	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	398.7	419.7	+1.5	..
Deposit Fund (3)	241.1	253.8	+0.3	..
Intl Fund (30)	165.4	174.2	+1.9	..
Unit-Linked Plus		£10.45	..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01 831-1657				
Inv Prop Dist	187.9	197.8	+0.1	..
Do Accum	312.7	329.2	+0.2	..
Inv Equity	812.5	855.3	+6.0	..
Inv Managed	571.5	601.6	+3.2	..
Ret Managed	561.8	591.4	+1.5	..

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PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	468.0	492.7	+0.9	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	422.9	450.7	..	..
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4BE 0539 33733				
Managed Fund	625.9	658.6	+2.7	..
Cash Fund	238.7	251.6	..	..
Property Fund	295.0	313.9	..	..
Equity Fund	713.0	751.4	+5.6	..
Fxd Interest Fund	298.5	314.6	-3.0	..
International	336.4	357.9	+4.8	..
High Income	470.7	500.8	+1.0	..
Far East	452.2	476.6	-3.2	..
North American	308.8	325.4	+8.8	..
Special Sits	661.8	697.4	+6.5	..
Technology	267.1	284.1	+4.0	..
Extra Income Fund	298.6	314.7	+3.1	..
Gilt Fund 20	298.0	317.1	-1.3	..
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund		484.8	+0.2	..
Property Fund (A)		481.2	+0.1	..
Agricultural Fund		578.0	+0.2	..
Agric Fund (A)		533.8	+0.2	..
Abbey Nat Fund		341.2	+0.2	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)		368.5	+0.2	..
Investment Fund		253.1	+2.5	..
Investment Fund (A)		244.8	+2.4	..
Equity Fund		927.2	+5.5	..
Equity (A)		897.8	+5.1	..
Money Fund		328.3	+0.3	..
Money Fund (A)		317.4	+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund		423.1	+3.9	..
Gilt-Edged Fund		263.8	-0.1	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)		263.8	-0.1	..
Retire Annuity		959.0	+7.8	..
Immed Annuity		342.0	..	..
International Fund		504.3	+13.0	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund		182.7	+0.2	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	209.8	221.4	+1.1	..
Fixed Interest Acc	145.5	153.5	-0.2	..
International Accum	185.2	195.4	+0.4	..
Managed Accum	168.6	178.0	+0.4	..
Property Accum	244.0	257.4	-0.4	..
Money Accum	109.4	115.5	+0.2	..
Special Mkt Accum	164.0	173.0	-1.1	..
Japan Growth Acc	157.9	166.6	-2.2	..
N Amer Accum	116.2	122.6	+4.2	..
Pacific Accum	106.0	111.9	+0.5	..
Technology Accum	142.8	150.7	+7.8	..
Natural Res Accum	72.3	76.3	+0.7	..
European Accum	107.4	113.3	+0.2	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	335.2	352.8	+1.2	..
Managed Initial	267.0	281.1	+1.0	..
Equity Ord	469.3	494.0	+1.6	..
Equity Init	373.8	393.5	+1.1	..
Indx-Lnkd Gilt Ord	141.6	149.1	-0.9	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	117.8	124.0	-0.8	..
Ocean Equity Ord	313.8	330.3	+1.1	..
Ocean Equity Initial	249.9	263.1	+0.8	..
Property Ord	213.3	224.5	+2.5	..
Property Initial	169.9	178.8	+1.9	..
Fixed Int Ord	178.7	188.1	-0.2	..
Fixed Int Initial	142.3	149.8	-0.3	..
Deposit Ord	147.3	155.1	+0.3	..
Deposit Initial	117.3	123.5	+0.1	..
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	253.7	264.3	-1.0	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	547.2	576.0	-2.0	..
Equity Fund	£11.03	11.61	-0.06	..
Intl Fund	399.0	420.0	+2.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	371.8	391.4	-2.7	..
Property Fund	394.4	415.2	+0.5	..
Cash Fund	260.4	274.2	+0.8	..
Pacific Basin Fd	223.2	235.0	-1.1	..
N American Fd	171.3	180.4	+5.0	..
Euro Fund	172.9	182.0	+0.1	..
Balanced Fund	118.5	124.8	-0.1	..
Strategic Fund	118.7	125.0	+0.3	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	322.0	338.9	+1.0	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	391.2	411.7	+1.2	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	413.2	434.9	-2.1	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	243.5	256.3	+1.6	..
Series 2 Money Fd	180.6	190.1	+0.2	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	293.2	308.6	+2.0	..
Tulip Invest Fund	344.9	363.1	+0.4	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	404.8	426.0	+1.3	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	279.0	293.6	+0.8	..
Do Accum	330.5	347.8	+1.1	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 282524				
Mult Growth (45)		507.21	..	..
Mult Growth 'A' (45)	507.3	534.0	..	..
Op 8 Prop	437.2	460.3	..	..
Op 8 Equity	798.8	840.7	-1.5	..
Op 8 High Yield	350.8	369.1	-1.1	..
Op 8 Managed	615.1	647.5	-1.0	..
Op 8 Deposit	281.3	296.2	+0.4	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	81.6	85.9	..	8.76
Amer Smaller	141.6	149.1	+4.0	..
Commodity	90.1	94.9	+2.3	..
Extra Inc	153.8	161.9	-2.1	..
Far East	206.5	217.4	+4.7	..
Fnl Secs	181.7	191.3	+1.6	..
Gold Gen	40.8	43.0	+0.5	..
Inc Gth	264.2	278.2	+2.7	..
Intl Fund	168.5	176.5	+1.8	..
Japan Perf	317.4	334.2	-2.0	..
Japan Smlr	248.6	261.9	+5.4	..
Nad High	248.5	262.7	+1.7	..
Prop Shs	195.7	206.0	+1.5	..
Intl Recovery	248.8	262.1	+1.3	..
Smaller Cos	260.5	274.3	-1.1	..
Univ Energy	76.4	80.5	+2.1	..
World Tech	143.6	151.2	+2.8	..
Managed Gth	208.1	219.1	+2.7	..
Gilt	78.6	82.8	-0.1	..
Hong Kong	89.9	94.7	+2.4	..
Aust Gth	83.3	86.7	..	..
Amer (55,94)	168.8	177.7	+3.6	..
Australian	72.7	76.6	..	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British	224.7	236.6	+2.9	..
Commodity	159.0	167.4	+2.6	..
Extra Inc	195.7	206.0	+0.6	..
Far Eastern	278.3	293.0	+0.9	..
Intl Fixed Int	89.3	94.1	+0.6	..
Global (35,34)	321.5	338.5	+1.9	..
Gold Share	62.3	65.6	+0.6	..
High Income	267.9	282.0	-7.2	..
Income	354.4	373.1	+1.8	..
Japan	353.3	371.9	+2.2	..
Special Sits	241.3	254.0	-0.1	..
UK Smlr Co's	300.5	316.4	-6.2	..
Man Growth	345.9	364.2	+2.3	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	660.4	698.6	+0.6	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	271.4	285.8	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	345.4	363.5	+0.6	..
Property Fund	218.1	229.5	+1.0	..
International Fund	338.4	356.0	+0.6	..
Pacific Basin Fund	230.6	242.5	-1.5	..
United States Fund	152.5	160.5	+2.8	..
Gilt Fund	214.2	225.3	-0.9	..
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London,EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	582.5	595.3	+2.6	..
Deposit Fund (2)	265.9	281.4	+0.4	..
Gilt Fund	325.0	344.0	-0.8	..
Global Equity Fund	171.1	181.1	+1.1	..
Property Fund (46)	90.7	96.0	..	..
AG Bond Fund	117.2	124.1	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	469.1	493.5	+2.8	..
Fixed Interest	224.8	236.5	-0.7	..
International	311.8	328.3	+2.4	..
Property	237.0	249.5	..	..
Cash	164.5	173.2	+0.2	..
Managed	348.0	366.4	+1.7	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	125.1	131.7	+0.14	..
Index-Linked	110.0	115.8	-0.7	..
Fixed Interest	121.5	127.9	+0.3	..
Mixed	178.3	187.7	-0.1	..
UK Equity	161.9	170.5	+0.1	..
International	198.2	208.7	-1.2	..
American	151.4	159.4	+1.8	..
Japan	253.3	266.7	-3.3	..
European	195.3	205.6	+0.5	..
Pacific	241.8	254.6	-1.9	..
Technology	182.3	191.9	+0.7	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	148.9	156.8	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	186.9	196.8	+0.1	..
UK Equity	238.4	251.1e	-1.3	..
American	181.3	190.9e	+2.7	..
Pacific	252.0	265.4e	-2.4	..
European	287.4	302.6	+2.4	..
International	211.9	223.1	+0.8	..
Fixed Interest	142.7	150.3	-0.5	..
Index Linked	142.0	149.6	-1.3	..
Deposit	135.8	143.0	+0.2	..
Managed	196.8	207.3	-0.1	..
Worldwide	105.1	110.7	+1.7	..
Pen Worldwide	107.0	112.9	+2.1	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£12.53	12.92	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	155.0	163.2	-0.6	..
Growth Fund	173.6	182.8	-0.9	..
Opportunity Fund	178.8	188.2	-0.9	..
Cash Fund	124.2	130.8	+0.2	..
European Fund	248.1	259.1	+1.5	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	125.0	131.6	-0.3	..
Index-Linked Fund	124.9	131.5	-1.1	..
International Fund	206.2	217.1	+0.7	..
North American Fd	158.2	166.6	+5.1	..
Property Fund	135.2	142.4	+3.2	..
UK Equity	187.9	197.8	-2.3	..
UK Smaller	218.5	230.0	-3.2	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	194.2	204.5	+0.3	..
Equity	197.3	207.8	-1.5	..
International	222.1	233.9	+4.0	..
Property	235.5	248.0	+1.6	..
Fixed Interest	139.3	146.8	-0.7	..
Index Linked	125.3	132.0	-1.3	..
Cash	138.2	145.5	+0.3	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1		666.9	-16.7	..
Inv Pol 2	612.4	644.8	-16.0	..
Inv Pol 3	561.6	623.1	-15.7	..
Inv Cash	218.3	229.9	+0.3	..
Mixed Fund	343.3	361.5	+1.8	..
Equity Fund	412.7	434.6	+2.8	..
Property Fund	231.9	244.1	+3.5	..
International Fund	348.9	367.4	+2.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	221.0	232.7	-0.5	..
Indexed Stock Fund	138.8	146.3	-1.0	..
Cash Fund	159.4	167.8	+0.1	..
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	278.9	293.6	-0.4	..
Equity Accum	330.9	348.3	-1.1	..
International Accum	274.2	288.6	+0.3	..
Property	210.8	221.8	+0.1	..
Royal Trust Mngd	185.2	194.9	+1.2	..
Britannia Mngd	147.7	155.4	-0.1	..
Framlington Mngd	176.3	185.6	-0.6	..
Gartmore Mngd	190.9	200.9	-0.9	..
Henderson Mngd	187.0	196.8	-0.7	..
TSB Managed	188.4	198.7	-0.6	..
North European	252.9	266.2	-1.0	..
Pacific	212.9	224.1	-0.2	..
Intl Recovery	192.5	202.6	+0.2	..
Gilt Plus Accum	204.3	215.0	+0.1	..
North American	141.4	148.8	+1.1	..
Deposit	189.9	199.8	+0.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	191.6	201.7	+0.3	..
Equity	855.0	899.5	-5.9	..
European	120.3	126.7	+0.1	..
Far East	144.9	152.6	-1.1	..
Fixed Interest	250.2	263.4	..	..
Index Linked	144.5	152.2	-1.1	..
International	472.0	496.9	+1.0	..
Managed	477.8	503.0	-2.3	..
Nth American	102.6	108.0	+2.4	..
Property	310.8	327.2	+3.1	..
Pension Funds				
Cash	268.3	282.5	+0.6	..
Equity	887.6	934.6	-6.7	..
European	120.3	126.7	+0.1	..
Far East	144.9	152.6	-1.1	..
Fixed Interest	307.9	324.2	+1.1	..
Index Linked	190.7	200.8	-1.6	..
International	634.1	667.5	-1.0	..
Managed	630.5	663.7	-2.6	..
Nth American	102.6	108.0	+2.4	..
Property	390.6	411.2	+2.7	..
Stock Exchange	140.3	147.7	-0.7	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	479.5	504.8	+5.1	..
Equity Fund	644.8	678.8	+3.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	286.5	301.6	-0.2	..
Index Linked Fund	215.3	226.7	-1.1	..
Property Fund	434.5	457.4	+0.1	..
International Fund	459.5	483.7	+12.3	..
N American Fund	148.7	156.6	+5.3	..
Far East Fund	220.4	232.0	+1.6	..
Deposit Fund	210.8	221.9	+0.2	..
International Bond	£59.6		+1.3	..
Worldwide Bond				
Worldwide Fincl	101.1	106.5	+1.2	..
Worldwide Tech	105.3	110.9	+0.7	..
European	117.5	123.7	+1.0	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing:0256-841414				
Growth Account	£10.988		-0.14	..
Managed Account	578.7		-10.6	..
Equity Account	805.7		-26.3	..
Mngd Fund Accum	272.0	286.4	-5.3	..
Equity Fund Accum	361.7	380.7	-12.2	..
Prop Fund Accum	243.0	255.8	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	189.6	199.6	-2.5	..
Intl Fund Accum	344.9	363.1	+0.4	..
Money Fund Accum	156.9	165.1	+0.2	..
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	150.2	158.1	-1.6	..
Pers Pens Account	£11.665		-0.14	..
Pens Mngd Account	552.3	581.3	-6.6	..
Pens Guarantee	151.1	159.0	+0.3	..
Pens Equity	216.3	228.6	-5.7	..
Pens Property	206.4	217.2	+0.7	..
Pens Fixed Int	157.7	166.0	-1.7	..
Pens Intl	164.1	172.7	+2.2	..
Pens Money	150.3	158.3	+0.3	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	135.6	142.8	-0.9	..
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	576.7	607.1	-2.0	..
Property Accum	352.5	371.1	+0.7	..
Equity Accum	847.8	892.5	-8.3	..
Fixed Int Accum	241.8	254.8	-0.6	..
Index-Linked Accum	135.3	142.5	-0.5	..
Cash Accum	219.5	231.1	+0.4	..
Amer Equity Accum	250.3	263.5	+7.7	..
US Bonds Accum	143.0	150.6	+2.5	..
Japan Accum	336.5	354.3	-2.8	..
Pacific Accum	183.2	192.9	+2.8	..
Far Eastern Accum	554.2	583.4	+4.4	..
International Accum	388.6	409.1	+3.4	..
US Dollar Accum	95.9	101.0	+1.2	..
Yen Accum	128.2	135.0	+0.2	..
Euro Cur Accum	124.3	130.9	+0.7	..
Distribution Fund	238.2	250.8	+0.1	7.12
European	129.5	136.4	+0.9	..
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	200.0	210.6	+1.2	..
Property Fund	165.8	174.4	+3.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	146.7	154.6	-0.4	..
Money Fund	142.4	150.0	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	266.5	280.6	+2.2	..
TARGET LIFE Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	127.2	133.9	+3.2	..
Australian	32.6	34.4	+2.0	..
Commodity	119.0	125.3	+2.2	..
Deposit	183.1	192.9	..	..
Residential Prop	91.2	96.0	..	..
Financial	227.9	239.9	..	..
Fixed Interest	224.4	236.3	-0.3	..
Gold	84.0	88.5	+0.7	..
Income	284.9	299.9	-1.7	..
International Equity	324.4	341.5	-1.1	..
Japan	440.2	463.4	-4.9	..
Convertible	112.2	118.2	+0.2	..
Managed	474.0	499.0	-8.0	..
International Bond	89.8	94.6e	+0.4	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	209.0	220.0	..	..
Preference	205.1	215.9	-1.6	..
Property	340.7	358.7	+0.1	..
Sterling	8.6		..	..
UK Cap	199.1	209.6	-12.3	..
UK Cap Pen			..	..
World Income	193.0	203.2	+1.3	..
Euro Situations	198.5	209.0	+3.4	..
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 401, St John Street, 8 London EC1V 4OE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund		423.3	..	..
UK Equity	299.3	315.1	-3.2	..
N American Equity	212.4	223.6	+4.6	..
Far East Equity	370.9	390.4	+5.2	..
Fixed	188.3	198.3	+0.3	..
Cash Deposit	146.5	154.2	+0.2	..
Property	135.4	140.5	-0.6	..
Special Opp	361.5	380.6	-3.6	..
Managed	258.9	272.7	+0.9	..
Index-Linked Fd	143.5	151.1	-3.3	..
Star Mngd 2	280.2	294.9	+0.2	..
Star Mngd 3	279.3	294.0	+5.6	..
Star Mngd 4	246.1	259.1	+3.8	..
Star Mngd 5	285.5	292.8	+0.8	..

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Further decline

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 2. Dealings end October 13. §Contango day October 16. Settlement day October 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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1989 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
98	97	Treas 3% 1989	99	..	3.08	0.200
99	95	Treas C 9½% 1989	99	..	9.61	12.436
99	94	Exch 10½% 1989	99	..	10.5	13.095
93	87	Exch 2½% 1990	92	..	2.7	10.080
95	91	Treas 3% 1990	95	● ..	3.1	11.392
98	91	Treas 8% 1990	96	..	8.3	11.895
97	92	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	96	..	8.5	13.814
99	92	Treas 10% 1990	98	● ..	10.2	12.404
99	93	Exch 11% 1990	99	..	11.1	13.778
101	93	Exch 12½% 1990	99	..	12.5	14.099
101	95	Treas 13% 1990	99	..	13.0	13.833
90	86	Treas 3% 1991	89	+	3.3	10.373
93	88	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	92	● ..	6.2	11.580
94	89	Treas 8% 1991	91	..	8.7	12.582
100	91	Treas C 10% 1991	95	..	10.3	11.905
101	93	Exch 11% 1991	97	● ..	11.3	12.596
101	93	Treas 11¾% 1991	98	-	11.9	13.087
85	82	Treas 3% 1992	85	+	3.5	10.130
94	88	Treas 8% 1992	91	● ..	8.7	12.085
99	92	Treas 10% 1992	95	..	10.4	12.115
100	91	Treas C10¼% 1992	96	● ..	10.6	11.243
105	97	Exch 12¼% 1992	100	+	12.1	11.909
106	95	Treas 12¾% 1992	101	..	12.5	12.058
109	100	Exch 13½% 1992	104	+	12.9	11.782
88	84	Fund 6% 1993	84	..	7.0	10.915
94	87	Treas 8¼% 1993	90	+	9.0	11.589
106	92	Treas 10% 1993	95	●+	10.4	11.435
109	97	Treas 12½% 1993	103	+	12.1	11.281
113	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	107	..	12.7	11.256
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
94	88	Treas 8½% 1994	90	+	9.3	11.248
92	92	Treas 8½% 1994 a	92	..	..	..
96	89	Treas 9% 1994	92	+	9.7	11.002
100	92	Treas 10% 1994	96	+	10.3	11.085
110	101	Exch 12½% 1994	104	+	11.9	11.209
113	102	Exch 13½% 1994	107	●+	12.5	11.245
117	107	Treas 14½% 1994	111	+	12.9	11.080
78	73	Gas 3% 1990-95	74	●+	4.0	9.194
101	90	Exch 10¼% 1995	96	+	10.5	11.017
108	97	Treas 12% 1995	103	+	11.6	11.140
113	103	Treas 12¾% 1995	108	+	11.7	10.887
97	90	Treas 9% 1992-96	92	+	9.7	10.711
101	92	Conv 10% 1996	96	+	10.4	10.906
117	99	Exch 13¼% 1996	110	+	11.9	10.839
119	105	Treas 14% 1996	112	+	12.4	11.079
126	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	119	●+	12.7	10.915
95	88	Treas 8¾% 1997	90	+	9.6	10.606
104	95	Exch 10½% 1997	98	+	10.8	10.736
118	104	Treas 13¼% 1997	112	+	11.8	10.820
128	115	Exch 15% 1997	121	●+	12.3	10.889
128	115	Exch 15% 1997	121	●+	12.3	10.889
84	78	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	80	●+	8.4	10.276
100	89	Exch 9¾% 1998	95	+	10.2	10.595
113	102	Exch 12% 1998	107	+	11.1	10.710
134	123	Treas 15½% 1998	127	+	12.1	10.713
100	89	Treas 9½% 1999	95	+	9.9	10.318
104	95	Conv 10¼% 1999	98	+	10.4	10.524
106	95	Treas 10½% 1999	99	+	10.5	10.559
115	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	109	+	11.2	10.609
94	84	Treas 8½% 2000	89	+	9.5	10.244
97	90	Conv 9% 2000	92	+	9.7	10.263
122	107	Treas 13% 2000	114	+	11.3	10.643
102	92	Conv 9¾% 2001	96	+	10.1	10.263
108	94	Treas 10% 2001	98	+	10.2	10.288
124	112	Treas 14% 1998-01	117	+	11.9	10.690
97	86	Exch 9% 2002	92	+	9.7	10.074
102	93	Treas 9¾% 2002	97	..	10.0	10.138
104	95	Conv 10% 2002	98	●+	10.1	10.155
114	99	Exch 12% 1999-02	107	+	11.1	10.722
105	97	Treas 10% 2003	99	+	10.0	9.996
127	112	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	119	..	11.5	10.676
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
59	53	Fund 3½% 1999-04	56	+	6.2	8.868
102	93	Conv 9½% 2004	97	●+	9.7	9.860
105	96	Treas 10% 2004	100	+	9.9	9.940
113	104	Treas 11½% 2001-04	108	+	10.7	10.438
103	93	Conv 9½% 2005	97	●+	9.7	9.823
111	102	Exch 10½% 2005	105	..	9.9	9.813
125	113	Treas 12½% 2003-05	118	..	10.5	10.036
90	82	Treas 8% 2002-06	85	●+	9.3	9.723
105	96	Conv 9¾% 2006	100	..	9.7	9.742
96	85	Treas 8½% 2007	90	..	9.3	9.593
118	103	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	112	..	10.4	10.036
101	92	Treas 9% 2008	95	●+	9.4	9.520
134	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128	..	10.6	9.959
92	84	Treas 8% 2009	86	+	9.1	9.460
102	90	Conv 9% 2011	95	+	9.3	9.436
69	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	64	+	8.5	9.288
89	79	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	83	+	9.1	9.363
132	121	Exch 12% 2013-17	123	..	9.6	9.443
UNDATED						
30	25	Consols 2½%	26	● ..	9.5	—
45	40	Consols 4%	41	..	9.6	—
70	60	Conv 3½%	62	..	5.5	—
28	25	Treas 2½%	25	..	9.6	—
41	31	Treas 3%	33	● ..	8.9	—
40	36	War Ln 3½%	37	+	9.4	—
INDEX-LINKED						
132	124	Treas IL 2% 1990	132			
112	103	Treas IL 2% 1992	110			
105	94	Treas IL 2% 1994	102			
154	138	Treas IL 2% 1996	151			
130	118	Treas IL 2½% 2001	127	+		
127	116	Treas IL 2½% 2003	124	+		
131	117	Treas IL 2% 2006	127	+		
122	111	Treas IL 2½% 2009	119	+		
127	114	Treas IL 2½% 2011	124	+		
106	94	Treas IL 2½% 2013	103	+		
115	102	Treas IL 2½% 2016	111	+		
112	100	Treas IL 2½% 2020	108	●+		
95	84	Treas IL 2½% 2024	92	+		

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
157½	130	Abbey National	147	149	..	10.3	7.0	8.0
190	120	Allied Irish	185	190	+1	..	..	..
538	405	Anglo Gp	418	428	+3	..	..	..
80	70	Ansbacher (Henry)	68	72	-1	2.7	3.9	28.7
284	216	Aus New Z	275	279	-1	..	..	..
22¼	9¾	Bankamerica	22⅛	-	..	..	..	..
314	225	Bank of Ireland	235	240	+1½	..	..	..
19½	17½	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21	..	..	..	..
350	340½	Bank Leumi UK	335	355	..	18.5	5.4	8.7
118	88	Bank Of Scotland	103	105	●-1	5.3	5.1	7.5
67	52	Bank Of Wales	50	60	● ..	3.7	6.7	12.6
559	404	Barclays (aa)	506	509	●-3	32.5	6.4	3.9
30	27	Beachcroft	28	29	●+1	2.2	7.9	13.0
354	284	Brown Shipley	340	340	-1	14.0	4.1	43.6
380	325	Cater Allen	380	390	..	31.3	8.1	10.3
78	55	Castles	66	68	●-¼	4.3	6.9	9.6
255	201	Chancery	205	212	-3	10.7	5.1	8.3
39¼	15½	Chase Manhattan	35⅝	-	..	..	..	..
22	14	Citicorp	21	..	-½	..	..	..
250	183	Coutts Bros	240	250	●-5	9.9	3.7	15.1
92¼	72¼	Commerzbank	89⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
287½	158¼	Deutsche Bank	227½	-	+½	..	..	..
38	24	Equity & Gen	22	25	..	2.0	8.3	7.4
281	219	FIRST NAT FIN	230	235	-1	16.7	7.2	8.8
47	18	GPG	15	18	..	0.8	3.5	..
293	247½	Gerrard Nat	280	288	-1	24.7	8.7	64.0
147	118	Guinness Mahon	145	148	..	2.7	1.9	29.6
257	191½	HAMBROS	232	237	-3	13.3	5.7	9.3
52	38	HK Shanghai	48½	50½	-½	..	..	..
735	470	Joseph (Leopold)	470	490	..	21.3	4.4	19.9
141	128½	King & Shaxson	125	130	..	12.3	9.6	13.3
394	284	Kleinwort Benson	370	375	●-5	18.7	5.0	58.0
429	321	Lloyds (aa)	384	387	●+2	31.5	8.1	4.8
48	35	Lon Scot Bk	45	48	..	2.9	6.2	10.8
386	280	Midland (aa)	362	365	●-3	22.6	6.2	8.9
409	257	MORGAN GREN	405	412	●+10	15.0	3.7	55.1
335	289	Nat Aust Bk	328	332	+1	..	..	..
365	255	Nat West (aa)	323	327	● ..	19.8	6.1	5.8
365	312	Provincial	343	348	●-2	25.9	7.3	9.5
83	62	Rea Bros	80	85	● ..	0.7	1.1	59.4
240	155	Rothschild (J) Hld	207	211	+2	12.7	6.1	8.5
306	138	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	172	175	s ..	8.4	4.8	6.6
14¼	870	Schroders	14¼	14⅝	● ..	26.0	1.8	15.8
572	409	Stand Chart (aa)	523	530	●+4	46.7	8.9	4.5
133½	101	TSB (aa)	113	114	-1½	7.4	6.5	6.2
593	470	Union Disc	550	560	..	40.0	7.2	30.0
485	278	Warburg SG	420	427	-5	16.7	3.9	13.3
154	98	Do 6% 'A'	139	142	-1	8.0	5.7	..
55⅝	33	Wells Fargo	53⅝	-	●-⅛	..	..	..
284	228	Westpac	266	270	+1	..	..	..
485	443	Wintrust	465	470	..	10.4	2.2	14.5

BREWERIES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
574	427	Allied-Lyons (aa)	514	516	+1	20.0	3.9	13.4
11½	763	Bass (aa)	10⅛	10⅝	..	33.5	3.3	13.7
203	160	Boddington	183	186	●-1	6.1	3.3	20.3
208	135	Bulmer (H P)	168	175	-10	8.3	5.4	17.6
255	180	Burtonwood Brew	230	235	..	4.7	2.0	28.7
450	402	Clark (Matthew)	418	428	●-2	17.3	4.1	9.5
381	277	Devenish (JA)	335	344	-4	5.0	1.5	24.8
657	425	Grand Met (aa)	584	586	-12	21.7	3.7	13.4
379	258	GREENALL WHIT	333	338	-4	10.4	3.1	15.0
622	445	Greene King	505	512	-3	11.6	2.3	15.6
606	329	Guinness (aa)	585	589	+25	16.5	2.8	15.5
975	810	Hardys & Hansons	980	980	..	34.3	3.5	17.1
261	135	Highland Distl	240	243	-3	4.0	1.7	32.1
515	455	Mansfield	495	505	-2	12.7	2.5	19.2
240	186	Marston Thompson	222	225	-3	4.5	2.0	22.9
805	647	Morland	780	800	-8	12.5	1.6	27.4
433	283	SA Breweries	395	410	..	..	..	..
449	284	Scot & New (aa)	378	382	+19	14.4	3.8	18.4
340	279	Vaux Group	310	315	-1	9.3	3.0	21.3
409	299	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	362	366	-1	16.7	4.6	12.0
12	830	Do 'B'	11¼	12¼	-¼	16.7	1.4	36.7
484	413	Wolverhampton & D	469	472	-3	10.7	2.3	17.4
535	500	Young 'A'	520	540	..	13.6	2.6	31.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
204	148	Abbey	143	153	-2	..	..	..
536	328	Amec	428	433	-12	24.0	5.6	8.1
480	102	Anglia Sec	109	114	-1	5.3	4.7	3.5
60	39	Anglo Utd	50	52	..	1.6	3.1	12.6
258	163	Arncliffe	165	180	..	8.3	4.8	5.2
516	285	Attwoods	447	450	-8	10.0	2.2	24.9
275	217	BPB Ind (aa)	237	240	-4	14.3	6.0	7.3
219	147	Baggeridge Brick	153	160	+2	3.5	2.2	12.7
145	90	Bailey (Ben) Constr	123	127	-1	5.1	4.1	4.8
208½	146½	Barden Group	183	187	-2	4.3	2.3	18.3
209	164	Barratt Devs	172	175	●+1	17.9	10.3	6.4
288	176	BELLWAY	180	185	..	14.7	8.0	5.3
98	38	Bellwinch	35	40	●-3	5.0	13.2	5.7
281	140	Berkeley Gp	155	158	-1	6.8	3.8	4.8
151	102½	Bett Bros	135	145	..	5.7	4.1	21.5
220	145	Blockleys	140	160	● ..	6.1	4.1	10.9
303	208	Blue Circle (aa)	225	228	●-4	14.0	6.2	9.3
514	272	Boot (Henry)	475	480	-12	23.3	4.8	40.6
153	107	Breedon PLC	113	122	●-4	5.3	4.5	13.8
183	132	Br Dredging	182	188	●-3	8.5	5.2	12.8
136	82½	Bryant	94	96	●+2	6.4	6.7	5.7
159	113	CALA	112	117	●+1	4.4	3.8	8.3
225	130	CRH	215	220	● ..	..	..	..
163	102	Cakebread Robey	97	107	..	5.5	5.4	10.4
535	316½	Camdon	522	528	-3	14.7	2.8	14.2
187	140	Colray	151	158	..	10.9	8.5	5.1
54⅝	373	Costain Gp	9½	10	● ..	18.7	1.9	17.3
289	179	Copson PLC	175	182	●-5	5.3	3.0	18.1
371	286	COSTAIN	319	322	●+3	16.0	5.0	9.6
311	211	Countryside	210	215	..	4.6	2.2	8.1
231	179	Crest Nicholson	183	188	-6	10.2	5.2	7.1
143	98	Crosby Jones	108	113	..	4.7	4.2	4.8
611	266	Douglas (RM)	498	505	-5	8.7b	1.8	12.3
49	32½	Edmund Hldgs	38½	40	●+½	2.5	6.3	6.1
107	68	Erith	67	72	●-1	5.2	7.4	7.7
184	94	Evered	133	138	r-2	7.2b	5.3	9.7
277	113	Federated Hsg	110	115	●-4	10.9	8.8	2.9
93	65	Fielden Gp	82	87	●-2	6.5	10.0	8.8
101	68	Galliford	82	84	-2	5.2	6.3	10.2
282	215	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	250	260	-3	..	..	32.7
893	588	Gleeson (MJ)	758	783	-2	11.3	1.5	12.0
195	160	Harrison Ind	168	178	-2	9.1	5.3	16.2
136	120	Hewden-Stuart	124	127	-3	3.7	2.9	11.8
310	180	Heywood Williams	270	278	-5	16.0	5.9	7.5
387	309	Higgs & Hill	315	320	-4	16.5	5.2	7.2
108	73	How Gp	100	105	● ..	4.8	4.7	11.0
78	44	Howard Hldgs	42	45	● ..	2.0	4.5	8.3
183	138	Ibstock Johnsen	149	153	●-1	7.7	5.4	7.6
155	122	Jarvis (J)	125	130	-3	3.0	2.3	14.4
370	238	LAING (J)	253	268	●-10	16.0	6.0	3.5
133	121	Lawrence (Walter)	128	131	..	10.0	7.7	5.2
78	48½	Lilley	62	63	-1	2.7	4.3	8.2
610	303	Lovell (GF)	360	400	r-5	2.7	0.7	..
287	214	Lovell (YJ)	270	275	-2	9.5	3.5	10.3
240	184	Manders	205	215	..	8.7	4.0	17.8
159	129	Marley	128	131	●-2	8.5	6.5	7.7
145	114	Marshalls	128	131	●-1	5.8	4.5	10.5
124	95	Meaders (J)	115	117	s-1	5.3	5.0	7.5
365	285	McAlpine (Alfred)	363	370	●+3	21.5	5.9	11.0
407	112	McCarthy & S	115	120	-5	7.1	6.0	2.7
473	343	Meyer Int	365	368	-11	20.0	5.4	8.1
172	151	Miller (Stanley)	146	155	-2	5.3b	3.5	6.3
472	343	Mowlem (John)	385	389	●-2	26.5	6.8	8.7
145	90	MSM	139	142	●-2	4.0	2.8	18.6
24⅛	18⅛	Newarthill	21½	22½	..	20.0	0.9	..
211	180	Newman Tonks	183	188	-4	11.9	6.4	12.1
187	139	Persimmon	143	147	●-3	8.7	6.0	5.8
91	67	Phoenix Timber	85	88	+4	3.7	4.3	11.8
18⅛	16½	Pochins	14¼	15⅛	..	23.3	1.7	14.5
171	112	Poweling	123	127	-2	6.7	5.4	5.4
610	501	RMC Gp (aa)	668	672	-14	20.8	3.1	11.5
111	82	Rabe Ind	96	100	-1	6.7	6.8	7.5
631	415	Redland (aa)	528	532	●-5	25.2	4.8	10.2
222	132½	Rugby Group	153	155	●-5	7.7	5.0	9.6
225	110	Sharpe & Fisher	110	117	● ..	5.3	4.6	14.2
155	1¼	Sheffield Insl	132	137	-1	5.7	4.2	10.9
171	128	Smart (J)	168	173	..	7.9	4.6	15.7
487	337	Steetley	385	388	●-11	16.3	4.2	9.9
359	225	TARMAC (aa)	282	285	●-5	14.0	5.0	9.5
154	92	Tay Homes	105	109	..	9.2	8.6	4.6
335	281	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	282	286	-6	10.3	3.6	13.6
584	343	Tilbury Group	585	600	●-2	42.7	7.0	15.4
373	195	Travis Perkins	190	200	●-3	10.0	5.1	9.0
140	120	Try Group	118	123	●-1	5.3	4.4	7.5
392	261	Turriff	325	335	●-4	16.3	4.9	9.4
281	149	Vibroplant	188	195	..	4.0	2.1	11.1
395	180	Ward Group	360	380	-20	8.0	2.2	17.6
184	77	Ward Hldgs	80	85	●-5	3.5	4.2	4.7
460	319	Watts Blake	395	405	..	10.3	2.6	16.5
279	205	Westbury	262	267	-3	11.6	5.5	4.0
270	158	Wiggins	165	181	..	12.0	7.6	4.6
271	201	Wilson Bowden	224	227	●-1	9.2	4.1	5.8
196	143	Wilson (Connolly)	155	160	●+2	4.2	2.7	8.8
311	244	Wimpey G (aa)	244	247	●-5	13.7	5.6	7.6
144	81	YRM	130	137	● ..	5.1	3.8	10.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	116½	Allied Colloids	154	156	-1	3.5	2.3	17.4
532	401	Amersham	423	427	+8	14.7	3.5	18.7
152	124	BTP	133	139	-2	9.3	6.8	10.3
104⅝	62¾	Bayer DM50	102¼	..	+2⅛	..	..	..
208	158	Blagden	188	192	-3	11.6	6.1	11.6
164	122	Brent Chems	131	134	● ..	8.2b	6.2	10.3
503	305	Card Gp	480	500	-5	8.7	1.8	21.1
303	195½	Canning (W)	241	248	r-2	10.4	4.2	11.9
334	245	Coates Bros	240	250	-3	11.2	4.6	7.7
253	189	Croda	212	215	-3	13.2	6.4	12.7
239	163	Ellis & Everard	217	222	-1	8.4	3.8	12.9
30	28	European Colour	25	25½	-½	1.2	4.6	16.1
211	157	Evode	150	155	..	7.3	4.8	10.7
384	232	FOSECO	323	327	-6	17.3	5.3	11.2
283	228	Halstead (James)	245	250	..	12.7	5.1	7.8
283	195	Hickson	241	244	● ..	9.5	3.9	11.7
102⅝	69⅝	Hoechst DM50	97⅝	..	-⅛	..	..	..
13⅛	10	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	11⅞	12	-⅛	70.7	5.9	8.9
522	358	Laporte (aa)	472	475	●+1	19.3	4.1	14.3
409	225	Leigh	358	362	-2	8.3	2.3	26.1
18⅛	10	Norsk Hydro	13⅞	..	+⅛	..	..	..
183	137	Plysu	150	155	-2	3.8	2.5	13.4
401	226	RENTOKIL	365	370	●-2	6.1	1.7	22.7
146	126	Scl Speakman	162	167	● ..	2.7	1.6	21.7
664	290	Wardle Storeys plc	305	310	-6	16.9	5.5	7.5
458	343	Wolstenholme Rink	330	355	●-15	21.1	6.2	7.8
400	231	Yorkshire Chem	385	389	●-1	14.0	3.6	11.8
150	111	Yule Catto	135	140	● ..	5.5	4.0	11.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
423	314	Alexon	388	392	-5	14.0	3.6	10.5
72½	40	Amber Day	53½	54½	●-½	2.0	3.7	15.3
131	66	Aquascutum 'A'	105	110	+3	4.0	3.7	18.9
126	80	Ashley (Laura)	81	84	+1	3.1	3.7	12.9
425	380	Austin Reed	410	430	..	12.0	2.9	22.5
168	136	Beattie (James) 'A'	133	138	●-2	6.1	4.5	12.1
297	170	Bentalls	215	225	●-4	4.7	2.1	35.7
15⅛	7¼	Blacks Leis	7¼	8	-¼	0.2	2.6	12.1
473	240	Body Shop	400	415	-16	1.7	0.4	56.7
106	62	Bremner	82	92	-1	..	..	..
56	37	Brown & Jackson	51	52½	..	1.2	2.3	15.2
213	155	Brown (N)	155	165	..	6.7	4.2	25.5
288	185	Burton (aa)	211	213	-10	11.7	5.5	8.8
138	93	Carters 'A'	117	122	●-3	4.0	3.3	7.7
87	48	Castet plc	54	57	..	4.0	7.1	8.8
443	325	Church	350	370	●+5	15.6	4.4	13.0
177	145	Coats Viyella (aa)	165	167	-1	12.0	7.2	10.5
208	155	Courts Furnishers	180	188	●-2	6.7	3.7	7.4
610	520	DAKS Simpson 'A'	510	530	-10	14.6	2.8	8.3
48½	36	Dewhirst (IJ)	36	38	..	1.5	4.1	7.7
174	131	Dixons Gp (aa)	130	132	-3	6.3	4.8	11.2
408	205	Dunhill	358	368	..	5.0	1.4	21.5
82	45	ERA Gp	42	47	-1	3.7	8.2	11.2
10⅝	728	Etys (Wimbledon)	10	10½	..	18.0	1.8	23.5
218	155	Empire Stores	157	161	-5	5.9	3.7	16.3
223	138	Etam	190	194	-1	9.1	4.7	11.7
282	198	Fine Art Dev	268	271	-3	10.3	3.8	13.9
345	320	Forminster	330	350	..	12.0	3.5	8.7
81	44	Gent SR	74	76	● ..	3.3	4.4	8.8
208	127	Goldberg (A)	128	130	-3	4.0	3.1	..
17	15⅛	GUS	15⅝	16⅛	..	42.0b	2.6	15.4
12½	853	Do 'A' (aa)	10⅛	10⅜	-⅛	42.0	3.9	16.0
36½	29	Helene Plc	30	31	-½	2.4	7.9	12.4
170	115	Hogg Robinson plc	144	147	-1	6.3	4.3	34.1
66	51	Hollas	52	54	..	4.1	7.7	8.0
185	168	House Of Lerose	163	173	-2	13.3	7.9	15.1
373	223	Kingfisher (aa)	300	304	●-1	14.4	4.8	10.4
77	58	Lucie Wise Gp	72	75	..	4.3	5.8	10.4
11⅞	453	Liberty	455	475	●-5	7.2	1.5	19.1
225	148½	Marks Spencer (aa)	188	190	-2½	7.5	4.0	14.5
430	281	MENZIES (JOHN)	380	388	●-18	8.5	2.3	13.7
293	216	Moss Bros	228	238	..	5.3	2.3	33.7
163	100	Next (aa)	99	101	-5	8.8	8.9	9.4
200	172	Oliver (G)	183	203	● ..	6.8	3.4	17.8
123	85	Pentos	104	107	●-2	2.5	2.4	10.4
288	188	Ratners Group	249	252	●-1	10.5	4.2	9.5
79	50	S & U Stores	71	78	..	3.7	7.8	6.3
137	108½	Sears (aa)	113	115	..	6.9	6.1	10.8
380	226	SMITH WH 'A' (aa)	314	318	●+1	13.9	4.4	10.6
193	80	Sock Shop	96	101	+6	2.8	2.8	11.4
199	133	Storehouse (aa)	133	136	-1	11.7	8.7	14.2
152	115	T & S Stores	118	123	-1	5.3	4.4	10.6
380	234	Tibbet & Britten	308	318	● ..	8.7	2.8	20.6
66	60	Tie Rack	57	63	..	1.8	3.0	9.8
246	176	Time Products	174	178	-2	8.7	4.9	8.0
91	58	Vlast	78	82	-1	..	..	..
237	165	Wickes	173	182	-6	5.1	2.9	10.2
226	125	Wilding Office	140	150	-5	5.8	3.9	10.8

ELECTRICALS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
446	363	AB Elect	355	370	●-6	23.3	6.4	8.5
145	83	ABB Kent	133	136	-1	5.0	3.7	18.5
198	129	Admiral Comp	193	198	●-2	3.6	1.9	21.0
150	83	Alba	80	85	-2	5.8	7.0	7.7
167	75	Alphameric	73	83	-1	2.7	3.5	..
192½	67	Amstrad (aa)	82	85	+3	1.9	3.0	3.3
96	57	Apricot Computers	68	72	..	2.7	3.9	11.3
114	72	Arlen	75	82	..	4.4b	5.6	8.5
69½	46	Astec	48	52	●-1	4.1	8.2	14.7
101	30	Audio Fidelity	29	34	..	1.3f	4.7	2.6
306	220	Auto Sec	293	297	r-1	4.3	1.5	17.8
127	83	Bennett & Fountain	83	85	..	5.5	6.5	7.8
591	385	BICC (aa)	482	487	●-5	22.7	4.7	13.8
279	208	Bich	228	235	..	8.0	3.4	14.0
113	68	Borland	108	113	..	..	..	..
237	154	Bowthorpe	199	203	-3	5.5b	2.7	13.3
215	130	Britannia Security	132	135	..	3.2	2.4	9.8
255½	243	BR TELECOM (aa)	264	265	-2½	14.0	5.3	10.6
36	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	19	..	0.3	1.7	10.4
612	385	Cable Wireless (aa)	553	557	..	10.6	1.9	23.0
265	150	Cambridge Elec	187	192	●-5	12.9	6.8	6.4
80	45	Cambridge Instr	55	59	..	1.1f	1.9	10.6
65	34	Chloride	36	38	-½	1.5	4.1	41.1
273	189	Computer People	270	275	● ..	6.9	2.5	15.1
162	68	Cray Elect	69	74	●-1	5.7	7.9	5.9
160	77	Crystalate	75	79	-1	8.1	10.5	5.6
146	110	Dale Elec	110	114	● ..	6.8	6.1	8.6
270	185	Domino	205	215	+3	4.6	2.3	11.7
92	61	Dowding & Mills	68	70	● ..	3.1	4.5	10.7
228	188	Electrocomponents	195	200	-2	6.8	3.4	11.7
125	67	Elec Data Process	68	72	-1	3.2	4.6	5.7
163	116	Electron House	142	147	● ..	7.5	5.2	8.4
166	84	Electronic Mach	139	144	● ..	1.3	0.9	..
458	120	Emess	132	136	-1	4.1	3.1	14.1
388	238	Eurotherm	316	325	-7	7.5	2.3	13.8
186	83	FKI (aa)	88	93	s+2½	6.0	6.1	5.5
187	139	Farnell Elect	144	148	-8	5.6	3.8	10.9
113½	48	Ferranti Ind (aa)	58	59	+1	..	..	11.5
13½	8	Ferrari Hldgs	8¼	8½	..	..	..	..
620	370	First Tech	492	502	..	10.0	2.0	18.9
82	38	Forward Tech	52	55	..	2.4	4.4	9.8
251	187	GEC (aa)	234	236	-3	10.4	4.4	12.2
810	354	Harland Simon	722	732	..	5.3	0.7	30.3
91	72	Highland Elect	81	85	+1	4.4	5.2	10.2
572	405	Hoskyns Gp	510	530	-10	4.0	0.8	32.2
40	25	ITL Gp	25	30	..	0.7	2.5	..
275	230	Jones Stroud	220	240	●-18	10.0	4.3	6.1
220	165	Kode	160	170	..	6.7	4.1	54.6
380	268	Lec Refrigeration	265	280	●-10	19.3	7.1	5.8
91	57	Life Sciences	79	82	●-1	2.5	3.1	18.0
411	321	Logica	340	350	●-12	4.1	1.2	17.3
258	218	Macro 4	277	282	● ..	10.4	3.8	15.5
262	169	Memec	172	182	-2	7.1	4.0	8.9
53	28	MBS	27	32	..	..	..	..
435	415	Microfilm Repro	425	440	-10	8.0	1.8	25.8
435	142	Micro Focus	410	420	+2	..	..	21.4
229	154	Microgen	151	158	-2	8.9	5.7	9.3
220	133	Mitel	170	..	..	..	..	..
24⅝	19	Molex	23⅞	..	+⅛	..	..	..
78	38	Molecone Elect	45	50	●-3	0.1	0.2	..
78	34	Murray Elect	65	70	..	..	..	..
85	30	NMW Comp	33	38	..	0.3	0.8	..
53½	45⅛	Nynex	51⅞	..	-⅛	..	..	..
143	82	National Telecom	105	110	..	2.7	2.5	12.8
393	250	Newmark (Louis)	240	260	● ..	19.6	7.8	13.1
221	205	Northamber	200	210	-7	2.7	1.3	9.0
30	15	Oceonics	22	24	..	..	..	75.7
282	202	Oxford Instruments	252	257	-10	4.3	1.7	15.6
285	163	P-E International	255	262	●-3	6.4	2.5	14.8
236	204	P & P	220	225	-2	4.1	1.8	11.6
136	78	Peek	78	82	+2	4.1	5.1	10.4
90	75	Philips Fin 5⅝%	88	92	..	575b	6.4	..
14⅝	9⅞	Philips Lamps N/V	14⅛	..	-⅛	..	..	..
425	287	PIFCO	405	415	●-8	16.0	3.9	7.8
369	239	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	354	362	●-8	16.0	4.5	8.8
278	217½	Plessey (aa)	268	270	..	10.2	3.8	15.5
141	96	Pressac	98	103	-1	2.3	2.3	9.4
120	67	Quotient	82	72	..	..	..	8.4
288½	139	RACAL ELECT (aa)	225	228	s+7	4.0	1.7	28.8
335	181½	Racal Telecom (aa)	363	370	+5	0.9	0.2	58.1
175	48	Ross	170	180	+129	1.6	0.9	..
88	53	SD-Scicon	71	73	● ..	1.0	1.4	17.8
178	112	Scantronic	150	155	..	2.9	1.9	17.6
265	163	Scholes Gp	158	168	● ..	10.4	6.4	9.6
492	256	Sema Gp	370	375	●-4	2.8	0.8	..
150	88	Sintech	90	100	●-5	3.7	3.9	8.2
394	261½	STC (aa)	318	321	-2	13.0	4.1	12.2
27⅛	17½	TDK	25⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
57	37	Telemetrix	37	40	-1	..	..	..
866	625	THORN EMI (aa)	801	807	●+5	36.0	4.5	12.5
350	215	Tunstall	205	225	-5	5.7	2.7	10.4
375	191	Unitech	340	347	-3	14.0	4.1	17.5
214	121	Utd Scientific	147	152	-2	..	..	27.4
510	228	VG Instruments	450	463	●-11	8.9	1.9	20.7
455	353	Volex	348	358	-2	21.3	6.0	8.2
111	72	Western Selection	71	76	-2	4.3	6.6	10.3
480	397½	Wholesale Fittings	393	403	●-2	21.3	5.4	11.2

FINANCE, LAND

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
91	70	AC Hldgs	75	80	+7	1.3	1.7	13.2
339	246	Abingworth	330	335	●-2	2.0	0.6	..
68	44	Aitken Hume	54	59	●+1	0.7	1.2	..
116	72	Ass Hannques	114	115	● ..	3.7	3.2	27.7
255	187	Authority Inv	192	202	+2	10.0	5.1	7.8
189	142	Baloc	158	162	● ..	4.8	3.0	8.0
205	130	Berkeley Govett	180	190	● ..	..	..	..
241	128	Br Commonwealth (aa)	134	137	●+8	12.3	9.0	5.3
108	83	Burns-Anderson	90	93	-7	5.5	6.0	11.9
27	18¼	Camellia	26	28	..	28.0	1.5	57.8
673	154	Candover	325	340	●-5	7.3	2.2	50.5
93	70	Centreway	65	75	..	2.0	2.9	10.4
93	52	Dominion Int	50	53	..	..	..	8.1
480	402	Harvey & Thompson	455	465	..	20.0	4.3	12.7
78	29½	IFICO	27	32	● ..	0.7s	2.3	6.4
180	125	Ivory & Sime	122	127	..	7.7	6.2	20.1
149	106	LIT	106	110	●-4	8.9	8.2	14.8
277	205	Majedie	272	275	-1	8.7	3.2	41.2
121	100	Nat Home Loans	110	117	-1	9.4	8.2	10.3
84	54	Newmarket	53	58	..	..	..	..
80	45	Parrish Plc	65	75	..	..	..	..
135	88½	Rt Cap Prices	113	115	-½	2.2	1.9	34.2
118	95	Silverdale	118	122	+2	..	..	..
80	64	Slogar & Fried	73	75	●-2	3.3b	4.5	13.3
28½	10½	Sothebys	20½	21½	..	..	..	..
236	118	Templeton Gorth	220	225	● ..	4.3	1.9	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
24⅛	14⅛	American Express	23⅞	-	●-⅛	..	..	..
131	104	Britannia Arrow	108	111	●-⅛	7.3	6.6	13.3
343	218	Electra	318	319	-2	6.8	2.1	70.8
283	223	First Gp	318	322	-2	14.0	4.4	16.0
144	112	Goode Durrant	118	125	-1	6.0	4.9	8.5
880	625	Henderson Admin	780	810	-5	40.0	5.0	21.3
93	42	ICH	42	44	..	6.0	14.0	4.0
112	81	MAI	102	104	●-1	6.0	5.8	10.9
665	335	MAM	640	650	-5	20.0	3.1	15.5
288	202	M & G	370	375	●-2	12.7	3.4	16.5
45	37	Ratland	36	39	● ..	0.9	2.4	13.4
159	84	Smith New Court	103	110	..	2.0	1.9	..
146	85	Tyndall Hldgs	101	105	● ..	7.3	7.1	24.5

FOODS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
409	303	AB Food (aa)	401	404	+3	12.4	3.1	11.9
212	130	ASDA Group (aa)	173	174	-3½	6.4	3.7	11.9
		Alpine Group	31	34	..	..	..	..
175	100	Appleton Hldgs	119	120	..	5.0	4.3	17.8
257	164	Argyll (aa)	219	221	-2	8.3	3.8	14.0
97	65	Ashley Group	90	93	..	1.3	1.4	86.0
211	180	Assoc Fisheries	190	195	..	8.0	4.1	13.7
188	142	Bakes Plc	150	162	● ..	4.8	3.0	8.0
199	157	Banks (Sidney C)	167	177	-5	8.3	5.4	10.2
743	605	Barr (AG)	595	615	..	17.3	2.9	15.0
115	98	Batleys	106	113	..	3.2	2.9	16.1
171	141	Beresford Int	150	152	●-1	8.3	5.5	11.2
488	374	Booker	432	437	-5	24.7	5.7	14.9
34	27	Borthwick	32	34	..	0.9	1.8	..
260	210	Brake Bros	268	273	+1	4.8	1.8	19.1
152	102	Budgen	103	105	+1	6.7f	6.4	9.9
472	393	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	388	390	r-7	12.6	3.3	18.5
217	180	Carrs Milling	195	205	..	10.0	5.0	9.6
261	184	Clifford Foods 'A'	213	218	●-2	13.3	6.2	8.9
65	40	Culleens	41	48	..	..	..	..
439	382	Dalgety (aa)	422	426	+6	22.0	5.2	12.8
93	55	Danish B	84	89	● ..	3.2	3.8	..
162	116	FII Fyffes	137	142	..	..	..	..
181	111	Fisher (A)	105	108	..	..	..	..
298	245	FITCH LOVELL	245	247	..	3.3	2.1	16.2
319	240	Geest	275	278	-1	7.3	2.6	18.0
275½	209	Hazlewood Foods	253	257	-1	5.3	2.1	15.1
321	234	Hillsdown (aa)	283	286	-2	8.4	2.8	13.1
176	136	Hunter Saphir	167	170	..	8.7	4.0	12.1
402	280	Iceland Frozen	347	350	●-4	7.4	2.1	18.7
577	373	Kwik Save	530	534	-3	11.5	2.2	22.7
140	90	Lees (John J)	98	102	..	2.7	2.8	18.0
333	238	Low (Wm)	297	305	-3	7.9f	2.6	17.1
87	61	Matthews (Bernard)	73	78	●-1	3.3	4.4	14.2
304	112	Morrison (W)	158	162	●-2	1.6	1.0	18.1
283	232	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	255	265	..	12.1	4.7	13.5
70	52	Normans	58	61	..	2.9	4.8	11.4
382	277	Nthn Foods (aa)	315	318	+1	15.0	4.7	11.8
203	141	Nurdin & Peacock	180	183	●+3	5.6	3.1	15.8
310	189	Park Foods	245	265	..	8.4	3.3	15.5
68	53	Pharmagem	57	62	+2	0.4	0.7	..
486	341	RHM (aa)	438	442	-5	15.0	3.4	14.2
286	196	SAINSBURY J (aa)	254	256	-1	8.7	2.5	17.5
189	133	Salvesen (Chris)	182	185	-1	6.4	3.9	13.6
301	203½	Tate & Lyle	257	260	-1	10.4	4.0	11.5
220	81	Tavener	150	170	..	1.7	1.1	23.2
219	131½	Tesco (aa)	182	184	●-2	5.0	2.8	16.5
189	131	Thorntons	152	156	-3	2.2	1.4	21.2
436	338	UNIGATE (aa)	371	374	-3	18.5	5.0	13.8
424	285	Utd Biscuits (aa)	370	373	●-1	17.2	4.6	13.8
225	191½	Watson & Philip	195	200	..	12.8	6.5	13.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
57	46	City Centre Rest	46	47	●-½	1.5	3.2	16.0
308	238	Friendly Hotels	277	285	-8	3.9	1.4	12.4
352	213	Ladbroke (aa)	319	322	-5	11.8	3.7	18.7
39⅛	31	Norfolk Cap Gp	31	32	..	0.8	2.5	28.5
100	73½	Mount Charlotte	77	78	●-2½	2.5	3.2	16.0
118	77	Queens Moat	102	104	r-3	3.0b	2.9	16.0
880	800	Savoy Hotels 'A'	853	880	..	7.3	0.8	30.2
121	91	Stakis	105	107	-3	2.7	2.5	15.9
380	242	TRUSTHSE FT (aa)	320	322	●-3	12.2	3.8	18.2

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
207	173	AAF Inv	190	200	●-3	10.0	6.1	14.9
415	275	AAH	390	392	●-1	15.9	4.1	13.0
212⅛	116	ADT (aa)	204	207	r+6	..	..	..
470	251	AIM	362	372	..	12.0	3.3	14.6
435	242	AMI Health	381	388	..	4.4	1.1	31.2
78	62	APG	68	69	-1	2.7	3.9	11.3
159	130	APV	133	135	●-2	6.7	5.0	12.9
288	189	ASW	268	269	●-1	8.7	2.5	7.7
139	73	Aaronson	72	74	●-4	7.7	10.5	5.9
228	165	Adwest	177	182	●-4	9.3	5.2	10.5
96	77	Aerospace Eng	75	79	s-1	4.2	5.4	11.8
239	155	Alexandra Wrkwr	210	214	..	5.2	2.5	17.0
275	213	Alexsec	223	233	● ..	10.7	4.7	11.0
450	380	Amber Ind	440	460	..	18.0	4.0	13.0
66	47¼	Armour	48	49½	+½	1.6	3.3	9.8
166	130	Ash & Lacy	130	140	● ..	8.0	5.9	10.5
8⅛	4	Ass Br Eng	4⅜	4⅝	..	0.1	2.2	16.0
808	314	ASSC EUROPE	593	598	..	14.7	2.5	20.5
643	474	Avon Rubber	478	479	-4	20.0	4.2	9.0
188	97	Ayrshire Metal	145	158	-2	8.0	5.4	9.3
386	264	BAA (aa)	339	341	..	12.0	3.5	12.1
198	155½	BBA	190	193	●-7	9.3	4.8	10.3
327	222	BET Ord (aa)	276	279	-4	15.3	5.5	12.1
539	353	BM Gp	500	510	-8	4.5	0.9	21.0
541	419	BOC (aa)	486	489	-3	22.1	4.5	12.3
68½	54½	BSG	62	63	●-1	4.1	5.0	10.9
485	325	BSS Group	445	452	r-2	20.0	4.5	10.9
483	294	BTR (aa)	482	486	●+18	17.9	3.9	17.5
285	186	BWI	274	278	-1	7.5	2.7	12.3
17	12¼	Bailey (CH)	12¼	13¼	-¼	..	..	..
238	208	Baird (Wm)	240	244	-4½	10.61	4.4	9.4
78	46	Banbury	83	88	● ..	1.7	2.0	17.7
718	363	Barlow Rand	650	655	..	..	..	..
285	168	Barrett (H)	258	268	+1	5.3	2.0	19.2
42	24	Baynes (Charles)	35	36	●-2	0.7	1.9	20.4
15	8¼	Bear Brand	8⅞	9⅛	-¼	..	..	90.0
245	180	Beaufort	195	205	-2	6.5	3.3	14.0
225	151	Beazer PLC (aa)	152	154	-1	8.9	5.8	8.8
73½	38	Benlox	37	39	-1	0.3	0.8	..
348	285	Bespak	340	347	●-7	8.0	2.3	18.9
80	31	Bestwood	29	32	-1	0.7	2.3	6.2
181	144	Bibby (J)	140	147	..	11.3	7.8	8.0
160	125	Billam (J)	150	160	..	5.4	3.5	54.8
193	124	Birmingham Mint	120	127	-3	10.7	8.6	5.4
133	99	Black Arrow	103	113	..	5.0	4.6	9.4
185	136	Black (Peter)	137	142	●-3	3.2	2.3	10.7
60⅝	43½	Blackwood Hodge	50	51	●-½	2.1	4.2	7.4
114½	62	Blue Arrow (aa)	112	113	+1	2.4	2.1	18.4
320	228	BODYCOTE	224	232	..	9.7	4.3	8.8
321	227	BOOTS (aa)	286	288	-7	13.3	4.6	13.4
134	94	Booth Inds	101	106	..	2.8	2.8	10.5
531	408	Bowater	465	468	●-6	22.3	4.8	11.4
21⅛	15	Bowater Inc	17⅜	17⅞	..	..	..	..
350	249	Braithwaite	310	320	..	8.7	2.8	11.4
85	53	Braway	62	65	●-2	2.0	3.1	10.0
302	222	Brammer	222	226	●-4	17.3	7.7	11.2
84	46	Bridgend Gp	63	66	..	0.9	1.4	26.9
224	175½	Bridon	213	215	..	10.0	4.7	14.8
226	190	Bridport-Gundry	188	193	..	2.5	1.3	33.5
80	40	Brierley Inv	78	84	s ..	..	..	..
221½	151	Br Airways (aa)	210	211	r-1½	10.3	4.9	8.5
385	325	Br Bldg & Eng App	370	420	● ..	5.3	1.3	10.5
185	125¼	Br Steel	132	132½	-1¼	8.7	6.1	3.8
175	149	Br Syphon	168	173	..	2.7b	1.6	18.4
316	203	BR VITA	271	274	●-6	10.5	3.8	13.6
516	320	Broken Hill	485	490	-1	..	..	..
153	100	Bromsgrove Inds	140	144	-2	3.7	2.6	11.4
36	32	Brooke Tool	31	32	r-½	2.4	7.5	8.8
235	182	Brown & Tawse	217	222	..	12.7	5.8	10.2
326	139	Bullough	141	147	s-3	7.7	5.3	9.7
157	118	CH Ind	120	125	-5	8.5	5.3	6.6
58	40	CI Group	38	41	-2	2.5	6.3	7.4
30	22	CMB Pack	23	25	..	..	..	..
120	98	Cabra Est	100	104	+1	5.3	5.2	18.5
386	191	Camford Eng	267	272	-3	7.1	2.6	19.9
298	190	Cannon St	188	192	●-5	11.1	5.8	8.0
74	53	Caparo Ind	67	69	● ..	3.3	4.9	13.0
213	183	Cape Ind	207	212	..	10.0s	4.8	11.8
183	113	Capita	167	172	●+2	1.1	0.6	..
15	7½	Castidon	9½	11	..	..	..	23.3
165	127½	Carclo Eng	127	130	-1	7.9	6.1	9.6
242	192	Castings	213	220	-3	8.1	3.7	8.4
86	60	Celestion	64	68	-1	1.3	1.9	..
8½	5	Central & Sheer	4½	5½	..	..	..	13.5
312	110	Chamberlin & Hill	143	153	..	6.0	4.1	7.6
583	449	Charter Cons	539	542	-3	23.0	4.3	12.6
25	17½	Chartwell	19½	20½	● ..	2.8	14.0	6.3
738	658	Chemring	725	740	..	29.7	4.1	10.5
335	155	Christies Int	323	333	●+12	7.7	2.3	22.3
210	144	Clayhithe	182	190	-1	5.7	3.1	10.8
282	207	Clayton Son	255	265	+2	14.0	5.4	9.1
12½	875	Cohen (A)	10⅝	11¼	..	28.0	2.5	7.9
170	105	Coloroll Gp	109	111	-15	10.1	9.2	4.6
231	178	Community Hospital	180	195	● ..	0.7	0.4	16.5
319	223	Concentric	310	317	-3	12.5b	4.0	16.4
108	76	Cont Stationery	73	78	..	4.7	6.2	15.3
374	207	Cook (Wm)	325	332	..	12.0	3.6	8.1
384	255	Cookson (aa)	325	328	●+6	11.0	3.4	11.2
188	112	Cornwall Parker 'A'	121	128	● ..	6.9	5.5	7.7
277	173	Cosalt	258	262	-12	11.3	4.3	13.8
245	205	Courtney Pope	210	220	● ..	11.3	5.3	10.1
67	49	Cowan De Groot	48	50	..	3.3	6.7	8.6
111	72	Crests	88	91	● ..	2.1	2.3	7.5
89	50	DSC	70	75	-8	..	..	..
27½	21¼	Dana	23⅞	..	..	..	..	..
238	95	Davies & Met 'A'	209	214	●+1	4.6	2.2	10.7
635	625	Davies & Newman	650	700	..	22.7	3.4	9.4
191	142	Davis (Godfrey)	168	173	●-6	9.7	5.7	11.4
288	171	Davy	237	240	+1	11.3	4.7	11.3
480	294	De La Rue	333	340	+9	17.7	5.3	33.5
367½	254	DELTA	343	345	●-5	15.6	4.5	10.7
689	279	DESOUTTER	580	630	●-5	11.6	1.9	16.4
34	24	Dobie Hsel	22	25	-1	0.9	3.8	12.4
259	179	Diploma	185	192	+2	10.3	5.4	9.1
103⅛	90	Dobson Park	98½	100	-2	7.3	7.3	9.2
151	110	Docus	116	125	+6	2.8f	2.4	12.2
183	141	Dyson (J&J)	160	165	..	6.7	4.1	12.5
102	82	Do 'A'	90	93	-1	6.7	7.3	7.0

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367	276	EIS	340	347	-3	12.8	3.6	14.3
428	273	Eastern Prod	410	420	-5	14.7	3.5	16.5
19⅛	10⅛	Eagle Trust	17	18	-⅛	0.61	3.4	18.8
405	255	Edbro	385	405	-5	14.7	3.7	12.0
58	40	Elbeif	45	50	● ..	2.6	5.4	17.8
219	163	Elco	160	165	-2	8.3	5.1	8.2
38⅛	25⅛	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	28⅛	-	..	..	..	..
121	85	Eliott (B)	101	104	-2	4.8	4.7	10.6
20	14½	Elswick	15⅛	16½	+⅛	0.6	3.7	14.4
541	437	Eng China Clay (aa)	440	443	..	24.4	5.5	10.4
79⅛	32⅛	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	79	..	-⅛	..	..	..
243	177	Erskine Hse	210	218	+1	8.3	3.9	9.6
200	84	Eurocopy	194	197	-1	1.2	0.6	34.6
11⅛	480	Eurotunnel Units	560	580	+20	..	..	..
90	38⅛	Eurotunnel Warrants	47	49	+4½	..	..	..
253	175	Expamet	220	225	●-5	12.2	5.5	13.1
256	178	Fairey Group	198	203	●-4	8.4	3.2	11.4
187	168	Farmer (JH)	186	189	..	10.8	6.4	10.9
78	65	Fife Indmar	72	77	..	5.0	6.7	26.2
367	229	FISONS (aa)	336	339	+5	7.3	2.2	17.2
145	108	Fitzwilton	122	127	-1	..	..	..
163	108	Flexello C&W	155	160	..	6.6	4.3	9.9
78	38	Fobel	34	39	-1	0.9	2.4	..
70	45	Folkes Group N/V	53	56	● ..	2.5	4.5	10.4
111	81	French (Thomas)	87	92	-1	4.4	4.9	20.7
157	111	GEI Int	137	140	-2	8.7	6.3	12.2
476	292½	GKN (aa)	410	413	●-11	24.3	5.8	9.8
180	145	GR	142	152	..	7.5	5.1	..
227	173	Garton Eng	209	214	-1	8.7	4.1	10.0
301	197	GESTETNER	264	270	-2	7.3	2.7	7.7
187	127½	Glaves	134	139	-3	5.0	3.6	13.7
16⅛	10⅛	Glaxo (aa)	14⅛	14⅛	● ..	46.7	3.2	15.9
339	257	Glynwed (aa)	258	259	-6½	13.9	5.4	8.9
461	267	Gordon Russell	455	462	●-1	10.1	2.2	18.7
356	255	Goring Kerr	333	338	..	20.7	6.3	12.7
233	185	GRAMPIAN HDG	198	202	+1	5.1	2.6	18.3
366	320	Granada (aa)	325	327	-6	15.5	4.8	12.5
259	175	Haden MacLellan	244	248	●-4	8.0	3.3	16.4
550	368	Hall Eng	500	510	●-5	20.7	4.1	11.3
269	92½	Halma	182	185	s ..	1.9	1.0	22.7
74	59	Hampson Ind	63	68	s-1	3.1	4.7	8.9
192	90	Hanmex	92	102	..	..	..	..
242	154	Hanson (aa)	217	218	+1	11.3	5.2	12.0
148	109	Hanse (Philip)	105	113	-5	7.3	6.7	15.7
202	118	Havelock Europa	145	155	● ..	4.8	3.2	..
783	537	Hawker Siddly (aa)	663	670	-6	30.0	4.5	12.8
182	100	Hay (Norman)	136	146	r-4	3.0	2.1	17.3
313	218	HEPWORTH	262	265	●-8	17.4	6.6	10.0
289	222	Hestair	250	252	●-1	10.9	4.3	9.7
172	105	Hewitt (J)	137	144	●-1	2.7	1.9	25.8
213	158	Highgate & Job	170	185	..	..	..	24.1
383	206	High-Point	340	355	● ..	9.0	2.6	11.2
119	75	Holmes Protection	73	77	..	..	..	..
110	60	Hopkinsons	83	88	-1	4.4	5.2	..
175	129	Howden	154	156	-4	6.1	3.9	12.7
305	184	Hunting	272	277	-2	8.9	3.2	11.0
95	54	Hutchison Whampoa	72	75	..	..	..	..
254	181	IMI (aa)	215	218	●+3	11.7	5.4	9.9
203	94	ISA Intl	118	122	-2	1.2	1.0	22.8
278	171	Isotron	232	238	●-1	3.5	1.5	18.8
356	208	JS Pathology	235	250	-15	7.3	3.0	13.8
194	102	Jardine Math	187	190	+4	..	..	..
736	482	Johnson Cleaners	705	720	●-5	33.2	4.7	13.2
438	334	Johnson Matthey	380	383	-7	10.7	2.8	12.9
66	41	Johnston & FB	48½	50	..	2.9	5.9	13.8
500	360	Johnston	395	425	-15	15.3	3.7	9.9
177	110	Jones & Shipman	128	133	● ..	6.6	5.0	21.0
129	71	Jourdan (Thomas)	68	73	-5	7.5	10.6	6.1
48	26	Kalamazoo	29½	31	..	..	..	4.7
45	32½	Kalon	32	33½	..	1.5	4.5	16.8
457	355	Kelsey Ind	418	438	-2	15.5	3.6	11.3
730	515	Kershaw (A)	630	640	..	32.3	5.1	38.6
345	163	Kleen-E-Ze	160	165	-5	11.3	6.5	9.6

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184	147	Lep	145	149	-2	8.7	4.8	18.6
278	195	Laird	225	230	●-5	12.9b	5.7	23.9
94	58	Lawtex	82	84	..	2.7	3.3	8.1
173	128	Lee (Arthur)	127	132	..	8.1	4.7	10.5
148	93	Lilleshall	127	132	r-1	4.7b	3.6	14.8
165	125	Linread	172	177	● ..	6.7	3.8	11.8
31	25	Locker (T)	26	28	..	1.9	6.8	9.3
273	201	Lon Ind	245	248	-1	9.7	3.9	13.8
394	194	Low & Bonar	195	198	-2	9.6	4.9	11.6
277	182	MB Group (aa)	198	201	●-3	5.3	2.7	..
151	104	ML Hldgs	124	127	-5	3.6b	3.0	11.2
158	115	MS Ind	136	138	-1	5.3	3.9	12.8
102	68	MY Holdings	74	78	..	2.7	3.6	13.1
355	215	Macarthy	297	300	●-7	16.0	5.4	20.9
385	238	Macfarlane	280	285	●-3	6.5	2.3	22.7
348	272	McKechnie	328	333	-1	19.3	5.9	11.1
148	115	McLeod Russel	133	138	-1	6.3	4.8	20.1
181	135	Magnolia	150	160	●-3	6.9	4.5	13.2
27	18½	Manchester Ship	26	28	..	..	..	25.7
290	246	MANG BRONZE	248	253	..	9.0	3.6	11.2
248	184	Marling	225	240	●-3	5.3	2.2	13.3
90	46	Maylam	55	60	●-1	5.1	8.8	7.2
135	89	Meggitt	100	103	●-1	3.9	3.8	11.2
211	156	Metal Closures	155	160	●-8	10.9	6.9	15.4
98	71	Metalrax	90	93	● ..	4.8	5.2	12.0
61	34	Michael Page	57	58	●-1	2.1	3.7	11.7
32	17½	Mining & Aid	23	24½	r ..	..	..	16.4
267	190	Molins	220	228	●-1	12.8	5.7	32.5
191	103	Monotype	113	123	..	1.8	1.5	..
326	235	MORGAN CRBLE	291	294	..	15.1	5.2	13.1
283	230	MFC	244	248	-7	8.7	2.7	16.3
165	111	NMC Group	108	114	..	4.4	4.0	8.0
223	110	Nash Ind	183	193	..	4.3	2.3	15.6
69	43	Neepsend	48	49	-2	1.6	3.3	12.7
278	178	Neill (J)	191	198	●+6	11.3	5.8	12.1
152	88	Nestor-BNA	126	131	●-1	3.6	2.8	17.3
108	66	Noble & Lund	94	97	..	1.3e	1.4	..
265	220	Nobo Gp	220	230	-5	8.8	3.9	13.1
353	259	NORCROS	257	260	-2	21.3	8.2	7.7
615	385	Nu-Swift	510	530	..	20.0	3.8	13.2
137	80	Office Elect Mach	75	85	..	..	..	..
148	121½	Optical & Med	131	138	●-5	6.8	5.0	12.7
492	262	Parkfield	457	482	-5	16.0	3.5	13.5
97	70	Pendland	84	88	● ..	2.9	3.4	34.5
80	52	PergamonAGB	50	53	-1	6.0	11.5	2.3
590	415	Photo-Me	555	575	+5	4.8	0.8	26.0
273	201	PILKINGTON (aa)	233	235	-4	12.7	5.4	8.4
161	112	Polypipe	120	125	● ..	4.0	3.3	10.3
334	232	Portals	282	289	-1	13.7	4.8	12.8
114	85	Porter Chadburn	103	108	-2	2.4	2.3	13.5
412	360	Powell Duffryn	385	389	-1	27.3	7.1	13.7
154	82	Powerscreen	135	139	-1	5.8	4.1	10.7
140	107	Prestwich Hldgs	136	141	..	1.7	1.2	14.9
291	227	Proudfoot Alexander	268	272	●-5	9.3	3.4	10.2
273	188	Radiant Metal	215	240	+2	4.0	1.8	20.9
10⅝	721	Rank Org (aa)	862	867	-21	36.3	4.1	12.6
233	174	Ransomes	172	175	r-7	7.6	4.4	14.8
795	314	Redfearn	550	570	-45	11.3	2.0	25.6
12¼	909	Reckitt Colman (aa)	11⅝	11½	..	36.0	3.1	14.5
141	80	Reed Executive	98	108	●+3	2.7	2.6	10.1
231	182	Relyon	168	178	-4	8.3	4.8	8.6
257	186	Renishaw	251	265	●-1	5.6	2.1	14.4
118	75	Renold	97	99	-2½	3.7	3.8	12.0
969	509	Reuters (aa)	944	950	+9	13.1	1.4	28.4
74	51	Rexmore	49	52	..	3.0	5.9	5.7
160	113	Ricardo Eng	148	153	● ..	6.7	4.4	12.0
158	111	Richard (Leics)	108	113	● ..	2.0	1.8	42.7
74	50	Richardson West	57	60	●-2	2.9	4.9	12.9
123	84	Robertson	118	122	-1	5.1	4.3	10.3
507	373	Robinson (Thomas)	412	418	-5	18.7b	4.5	8.8
75	59	Rockware	62	64	●-1	3.3	5.2	18.2
171	115	Ropner	144	149	● ..	8.7	6.8	14.9
170	109	Do 'A'	143	147	●-5	8.7	6.7	14.7
195	138	Rotork	172	176	●-1	10.0	5.7	15.7
100	69	Russell (A)	90	95	-2	2.7	2.9	15.5

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33	8	SI	17	20	..	..	..	..
17⅛	334	SKF 'B'	15⅛	-	+⅛	..	..	..
238	189	Sale Tilney	189	193	●-1	14.7	7.7	12.9
73	42	Seville Gordon (J)	60	63	● ..	2.7	4.4	11.7
323	123½	SCAPA	156	160	-2	5.9	3.7	10.8
191	154	Scot Heritable	152	155	●-4	8.7b	5.6	7.8
323	251	Scott & Robertson	255	270	..	9.1	3.5	14.2
10⅛	338	Securicor	880	910	..	1.8	0.2	95.5
985	345	Do 'A'	722	737	-3	1.6	0.2	77.9
299	189	Securiguard	273	280	..	9.5	3.4	14.7
631	83	Security Serv	613	628	-10	3.4	0.5	52.1
72½	58	Senior Eng	64	65½	..	3.6	5.5	11.6
102	78	Shiloh	98	100	..	3.2	3.3	6.9
186	131	Sidlaw	178	182	-1	9.7	5.4	11.1
592	390	Siebe (aa)	503	510	+7	15.2	3.0	10.3
190	135	Silentnight	138	142	..	9.3	6.6	9.4
436	384	SIMON ENG	372	377	-8	19.3	5.1	11.5
280	225	Sinclair (Wm)	283	293	..	6.0	2.1	26.0
142	106	Six Hundred	125	127	-2	8.3	6.6	8.5
472	400	Smith	415	425	..	27.9	6.6	11.8
148½	114½	Smith & Neph (aa)	137½	139	-½	5.3	3.8	15.5
659	538	Smurfit Beech (aa)	568	580	-2	..	..	..
334	261	Smiths Ind (aa)	278	281	-7	11.3	4.0	13.4
257	233	SPEAR (JW)	240	250	..	3.3	1.3	60.9
250	186	Spirax-Sarco	236	240	●-2	10.7	4.5	13.0
17½	10	Spong Hldgs	12	12¼	-⅛	..	..	..
252	85½	Spring Ram	98	103	+1	0.5	0.5	14.5
150	113½	Stag Furniture	113	118	● ..	9.3	8.0	8.2
138	55	Star Comp	50	60	..	2.0	3.6	8.8
238	172	Staveley	212	218	-2	9.1	4.3	10.6
167	132	Sterling Ind	135	145	..	5.3	3.8	26.4
108	61	Stonehill	89	94	-3	..	..	22.7
24	12	Stornigard	17½	18½	..	0.1	0.6	69.2
132	37	Sumner Int	79	82	-3	1.3b	1.6	..
218	181	Suter	195	200	● ..	10.4	5.3	16.0
188	105	Swire Pacific 'A'	132	138	..	..	..	..
46	30	Sycamore	30	35	..	..	..	..
165	155	Sytone	180	190	s ..	16.0	8.7	11.3
253	160	T & N (aa)	205	208	●-4	13.3	6.4	7.8
487	353	TI (aa)	435	439	●-7	19.3	4.4	12.5
189	140	TNT	168	170	-2	..	..	..
273	98	TT Group	136	140	●-5	4.7	3.4	27.8
308	158	Tace	205	220	+5	15.0	7.0	12.6
125⅛	98½	Toleda Chem	105⅛	..	-1⅛	..	..	..
31½	3½	Talbex	5½	7	-½	..	..	5.3
253	165	Tattos	250	255	●-3	11.5	4.5	17.8
230	150	Tex Hldgs	198	208	-2	13.3	6.6	8.9
270	192	Third Mile	187	197	..	4.5	2.3	18.3
55	42	TGH	47	..	..	..	..	..
297	196	Tomkins	281	282	●-½	9.0	3.4	8.8
422	289	TRAFALGAR H (aa)	352	355	-14	22.4	6.3	10.2
264	233	Transport Dev	238	243	●-4	12.7	5.3	12.1
136	93	Trefus	90	95	..	4.0	4.3	11.0
200	160	Triplex Lloyd	161	187	-3	7.7	4.7	8.3
510	350	Unitech	485	525	..	..	..	..
64	45	Unigroup	48	52	-1	..	..	..
676	450	Unilever (aa)	637	642	+6	17.9	2.8	..
47	32½	Unilever (NV)	45⅛	-	..	..	..	..
25½	10	Utd Gazzalino	9½	11	..	..	..	..
35½	29	Usborne	32	35	-1	2.0	5.9	30.1
525	398	VSEL	432	442	-6	14.7	3.4	9.9
42	25½	Verson	37	39	-½	0.6	2.1	25.0
257½	157	Vickers	241	243	●+2	10.5	4.3	14.6
205	160	Vinten	173	183	-1	6.5	3.7	11.9
164⅛	84⅛	Volkswagen	154⅛	-	+⅛	..	..	..
274	198	VOSPER THORNY	255	262	-3	11.3	4.4	12.0
167	117	Wade Potteries	130	137	-3	6.9	5.1	8.3
391	320	Wagon Ind	325	330	-1	16.7	5.7	9.7
96	55	Walker, Greenbank	53	58	-6	3.0	5.4	..
222	155	Warner Howard	165	185	..	5.0	2.6	15.8
291	185	Wassall	197	200	●-4	1.3	0.7	35.4
93	65	Waterford Wedge	65	68	..	..	..	..
331	229	WEIR	274	278	●-3	9.7	3.5	14.8
783	389	Wellcome (aa)	633	640	-10	5.2	0.8	42.5
54	41½	Wellman	42	43	..	1.3	3.1	8.1
54	41	Westerly	48	51	..	3.3	6.8	8.5
72	52	Westmex	58	62	r-3	..	..	..
480	347	Whatman Reeve	445	455	● ..	7.3	1.6	17.0
163	125	Whessoe	132	137	..	5.7	4.2	5.4
149	80	Whewey	134	137	-3	4.0	2.9	19.9
327	230	Whitecroft	308	313	-4	18.4	5.9	9.9
296	197	Wilkes (James)	253	260	● ..	11.3	4.4	15.5
25	16	Wilkins Gp	20⅛	22	..	1.0	4.7	10.1
289	223	Williams Hldgs (aa)	241	243	-4	14.0	5.8	8.8
113	45	Wills Gp	43	47	-1	..	..	6.4
323	232	WOLSELEY	280	285	-1	12.7	4.5	9.4
168	142	Wood (Arthur)	142	152	-3	5.1	3.5	12.6
238	141	Wood (SW)	155	162	-3	6.7	4.2	8.1
237	162	Worcester	157	167	●-1	4.3	2.7	11.5
355	203	Wyndham Eng	300	310	●-5	6.0	2.0	5.9
395	302	YALE & VALOR	300	305	●-9	11.7	3.9	10.8
188	110	Young (H)	113	117	..	5.9	5.1	7.7

INSURANCE

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
19⅝	12⅛	Alex & Alex	19⅝	-	+⅛	..	..	..
734⅛	527⅛	Allianz Vers	734⅛	-	● ..	..	..	..
24⅝	16⅛	Am Gen	22⅛	-	..	..	..	..
155½	125	Archer (AJ)	125	130	-2	10.7	8.4	8.2
250	185	Bradstock	193	200	-3	9.7	4.9	11.3
528	318	Britannic	510	515	●-2	23.3	4.5	..
484	333	Com Union (aa)	455	458	● ..	26.5	5.8	..
160	105	FAI	148	154	+1	..	..	..
11	858	Gen Accident (aa)	10⅛	10⅛	..	61.3	5.8	..
244	182	GRE (aa)	233	228	+1	14.0	6.2	..
495	417	Heath C E	480	485	-5	34.5	7.1	15.2
174	131	Hogg Rob & Gill	145	150	-2	9.0	6.1	13.1
376	288	Legal & Gen (aa)	380	383	●-3	19.1	5.3	..
339½	262	Lloyds Abbey	267	270	●-7½	21.2	7.9	..
235	188	Lloyd Thompson	225	235	●-5	8.0	3.5	15.2
328	240	London & Man	312	316	-4	13.8	4.4	24.2
137	44	Lon Utd Inv	50	53	..	..	..	9.7
47⅛	30⅛	Marsh McLen	47	-	●-⅛	..	..	..
139	40	PWS	50	55	..	1.3	2.5	11.9
648	384	Pearl (aa)	643	648	●+4	22.0	3.4	..
218	152	Prudential (aa)	192	193	●-2½	11.2	5.8	..
610	427	Refuge	586	595	●-10	29.0	4.9	..
483	379	Royal (aa)	458	462	●+5	31.7	6.9	14.3
280	227	Sedgwick (aa)	265	269	●-7	16.0	6.0	24.2
243	208	Steel Burrill	230	237	● ..	13.7	5.9	20.9
278	224	Sturge Hldgs	255	263	-3	20.0b	7.7	13.9
337	247½	Sun Alliance (aa)	300	302	●-2	14.7	4.9	..
11⅛	848	Sun Life	11	11⅛	●+⅛	53.3	4.8	..
167	146	Trade Indemnity	162	167	●+1	1.8	1.1	..
286	212	Willis Faber (aa)	250	254	●-3	15.3	6.1	18.7
49	40	Windsor	42	45	..	..	..	..

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LEISURE

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	195	Anglia TV 'A'	275	280	-4	10.7	3.8	11.6
336	275	Barr & WA 'A'	350	370	●-5	22.0	6.1	14.5
540	225	Boosey & Hawkes	425	475	-15	13.3	3.0	17.1
410	317	BRENT WALKER	380	383	-7	16.0	4.2	7.7
103	93	Buckingham Intl	98	101	..	..	..	29.6
344	222	CAMPARI	225	230	●-3	11.3	5.0	5.9
11⅛	504	Capital Radio	10⅛	10⅛	..	17.3	1.7	27.7
954	650	Carlton Comm	862	870	-1	10.8	1.2	21.9
485	267	Castle Comm	450	480	..	10.3	2.3	27.7
823	578	Central TV	767	770	-4	36.0	4.7	11.5
243	126	Chrysalis	147	152	-3	5.3	3.5	..
392	280	Compass Gp	352	356	-12	9.6	2.7	..
106	70½	Euro Leisure	99	101	..	..	..	..
247	149	First Leisure	217	220	●-2	4.2	1.9	22.7
73	45	Grampian	67	70	..	4.0	5.8	7.9
136	84	HTV Group	122	125	-2	6.7	5.4	7.2
375	185	Hamburger Brooks	220	270	..	..	..	..
237	157	LWT Hldgs	205	210	-2	8.2	3.9	13.4
111	54	Leisure Inv	52	55	-2	1.5	2.8	25.7
200	154	Mecca	180	181	-1½	4.3	2.4	18.7
162	101	Medminster	148	150	..	5.2	3.5	15.8
253	172	Midsummer	187	190	-1	4.3	2.3	20.2
87	67	Owners Abroad	65	68	-1	3.3	4.9	8.7
230	107	Pavilion Leisure	108	115	-7	6.0	5.4	..
318	211	Quadrant Group	282	289	..	4.8	1.7	18.8
570	523	Really Useful	636	646	●-2	22.7	3.5	14.1
308	227	Saga Gp	253	257	●-4	7.7	3.0	28.3
518	398	Scot TV	487	495	+1	25.3	5.2	8.6
282	229	Stanley Leisure	243	250	-2	6.0	2.4	14.4
347	178	TVS	178	180	-1½	19.0	10.6	4.8
98	65	TSW	90	94	-2	4.5	4.9	10.5
579	380	Thames TV	498	505	-1	20.0	4.0	10.9
140	105	Tottenham Hotspur	123	128	-2	6.7	5.3	15.8
220	137	TV-AM	200	205	● ..	5.3	4.6	10.4
478	348	Tyne Tees TV	445	452	● ..	24.3	5.4	8.4
152	90	Ulster TV	131	135	..	7.0	5.3	10.1
123	107	Wembley	105	108	●-1	2.3	2.1	16.4
59	41	Woodington	40	43	-1	..	..	14.2
327	222	Yorkshire TV	278	283	..	13.2	4.7	8.1
185	138	Zetters Gp	170	175	..	8.0	4.6	24.0

MINING

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50⅛	36⅛	Am Gold	47	48	-1	..	..	..
12¼	8⅛	Ang Amer Coal	12	12½	..	.. b	..	..
15⅛	871	Ang Am	15⅛	15⅛	..	..	..	..
200	148	Blyvoors	142	172	-3	..	..	..
59	31	Bracken	32	52	..	..	..	..
921	678	Buffels	732	772	-41	..	..	..
53	38	Bulte	38	41	..	..	..	..
803	369	CRA	586	602	..	..	..	..
18⅛	594	De Beers	878	898	-5	..	..	..
213	128	Deelkraal	197	217	+1	..	..	..
80	34	Doornfontein	45	55	..	..	..	..
738	457	Driefontein	683	713	-12	..	..	..
78	6	DRX	7	..	+1	..	..	..
245	119	Durban	138	158	..	..	..	..
310	196	E Daggs	255	275	-8	..	..	..
458	240	Elandsrand	442	477	..	..	..	..
60	39	Elsburg	48	59	..	..	..	..
243	148	E Rand Gold	181	201	-8	..	..	..
274	104	E Rand Prop	141	171	+8	..	..	..
657	404	FS Cons	524	554	-8	..	..	..
186	118	FS Dev	130	145	..	..	..	..
14	789	GFSA	13⅛	14	..	..	..	..
98	69	Geevor Tin	78	81	+1	..	..	62.2
18⅛	148	Gencor	135	185	..	..	..	..
57	31	GM Kalgoorli	34	38	-2	..	..	..
94	52	Greenwich Res	50	53	-1	..	..	14.4
77	47	Grootvlei	52	72	-1	..	..	..
378	285	Harmony	287	307	-1	..	..	..
478	321	Hartebeest	442	482	-10	..	..	..
894	471	Kinross	641	677	-10	..	..	..
614	436	Kloof	569	569	s-21	..	..	..
73	35	Leslie	62	82	-1	..	..	..
135	83	Libanon	95	125	s ..	..	..	..
170	71	Lorraine	153	173	-7	..	..	..
134	77	MIM	129	132	..	..	..	..
10⅛	626	Minorco	955	995	-15⅛	..	..	..
164	105	Nth Broken Hill	151	155	+1	..	..	..
13⅛	9⅛	Orange Free	13⅛	13⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
590	408	RTZ (aa)	538	542	●-1	21.0	3.9	11.4
16⅛	11⅛	Rand Mines Ltd	14⅛	15⅛	..	..	..	..
345	255	Rand Mines Prop	335	355	..	..	..	..
36⅛	27⅛	Randfontein	34⅛	37⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
448	298	Renison	405	420	-5	..	..	..
10⅛	6⅛	Rustenburg	10⅛	10⅛	..	26.0	2.4	81.1
483	354	St Helena	440	470	-8	..	..	..
22⅛	15⅛	Southvaal	21½	22	-⅛	..	..	..
213	167	Stilfontein	194	214	-1	..	..	..
332	175	Unisel	281	321	-1	..	..	..
53⅛	36⅛	Vaal Reefs	51⅛	52⅛	-1⅛	..	..	..
90	51	Venterspost	50	100	..	..	..	..
367	257	Welkom	351	371	-4	..	..	..
90	58	Western Areas	72	102	..	..	..	..
23⅛	14⅛	Western Deep	22	22½	-⅛	..	..	..
333	223	Western Mining	313	317	+2	..	..	..
12⅛	703	Winkelhaak	11⅛	12⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
38	20	Zambia Copper	30	32	..	..	..	..
80	63	Zandpan	73	-	..	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
184½	138	Appleyard	135	140	r-2	4.9	3.6	6.4
194	132	Armstrong	184	188	● ..	5.7	3.1	11.0
800	600	Bramall (CD)	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.6
743	420	Br Aerospace (aa)	612	617	● ..	28.4	4.6	9.9
600	483	Caffyns	580	590	..	15.3	2.6	11.0
151	102	Cowie (T)	101	103	-4	6.9	6.8	6.0
135	88	Dag Motors	85	90	●-5	8.7	7.6	4.6
299	220	DOWTY	271	273	..	10.7	3.9	15.0
505	323	ERF	315	330	-15	20.0	6.2	4.9
261	205	FR Group	220	225	-2	7.4	3.3	11.0
35⅛	27⅛	Ford Motor	33⅛	-	..	..	..	..
269	116	GENERAL MOTOR	150	-	..	..	..	..
138	88	Hartwell Plc	87	92	-1	4.1	4.6	10.5
889	813	Honda Motor	813	-	-11	..	..	..
95	63	Jacks (Wm)	81	85	● ..	2.7	3.3	15.8
732	284	Jaguar (aa)	728	735	●+63	14.7	2.0	65.9
198	117	Jessups	112	122	-3	8.7	7.4	5.8
159	88½	Kwik-Fit	142	145	●+2	3.2	2.2	21.4
147	100	Lancaster	96	103	● ..	5.6	5.6	6.5
396½	308	LEX	345	349	-5	19.3	5.6	8.7
217	143	Lookers	142	152	r-8	7.5	5.2	8.0
722	508	Lucas (aa)	650	655	-5	20.3	4.5	7.8
233	186	Perry gp	183	188	●-6	12.0	6.5	6.6
250	216	Plaxton Group	217	222	●-7	11.3	5.1	21.4
188	115	Quicks Group	112	117	●-3	7.3	6.3	7.1
202	131	Rolls-Royce (aa)	177½	178½	●-½	8.7	4.9	8.4
49	27½	Tomaso	28½	29	-¼	1.9	6.9	5.1
855	532	Western Motor	790	815	●-2	19.3	2.4	11.0
153	123	Westland	133	136	-2	4.7	3.5	44.0

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
115	31	Accord	30	35	..	4.5	13.6	4.5
170	136	Adscene	139	144	●-1	8.0	5.6	11.5
223	187½	BPP	205	220	s ..	12.0	5.6	20.7
373	118	Barbour Index	170	180	s-5	12.7	7.3	16.2
495	395	Black (A&C)	460	470	..	17.0	3.7	15.0
368	285	Bristol	355	365	-2	14.0	3.9	17.6
254	148	Buckler Gp	248	253	..	3.9	1.6	15.6
60	46½	Burford	47½	49	●-½	0.8	1.6	25.8
87	45	Daily Mail	65	67	-½	101	1.5	27.1
85	44	Daily Mail 'A'	63	65	-½	101	1.6	26.3
268	195	EMAP	216	220	-11	7.5	3.4	13.5
583	533	Haynes Publishing	520	545	●-2	25.3	4.7	14.4
480	242	Home Counties	275	285	●-5	8.8	3.1	11.2
152	88	Intl Bus Comms	136	142	-2	5.7f	4.1	10.6
580	313	Independent	460	475	..	..	..	..
186	123	Johnstons Press	148	153	●-2	5.3	3.5	12.6
231	167	Maxwell Comm (aa)	204	207	●-1	19.2	9.3	41.1
845	430	News Corp	770	780	..	..	..	..
398	212	NEWS INTL	372	375	● ..	6.6	1.8	..
820	639	Pearson (aa)	702	710	●-11	26.0	3.7	12.8
347	243	Portsmouth Sund	330	340	-5	9.2	2.7	10.2
471	362	Reed Int (aa)	404	408	-3	16.0	3.9	13.2
175	133	Southnews	130	135	-3	6.4	4.8	10.6
10⅛	690	Thomson Corp	920	950	-10	..	..	..
222	175	Trinity Intl	185	195	●-2	8.7	4.6	11.8
520	371	Utd Newspapers (aa)	456	462	●-8	27.3	5.9	12.4

OILS, GAS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
78	56⅛	Aran Energy	65	67	+½	..	..	..
17⅛	5⅛	Atlantic Resources	10⅛	11⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
41	28	Aus Oil & Gas	38	41	..	..	..	..
15	7½	Aviva Pet	13⅛	14⅛	-⅛	..	f ..	..
2⅛	2⅛	BOM Hldgs	2⅛	2⅛	..	..	f ..	..
600	465	Br Borneo	555	575	..	32.0	5.7	16.3
213½	156½	British Gas (aa)	207	208	-1	12.0	5.8	9.8
325½	248	Br Petroleum (aa)	300	302	●-1	21.1	7.0	13.7
671	477	Burmah (aa)	598	602	-4	26.7	4.4	14.0
327	180	Cairn Energy	313	323	-4	..	..	..
441	372	Calor Gp	405	408	-3	23.5	5.8	17.2
25	10	Caspen Oil	12	14	..	..	..	..
218	141	Century	150	153	-1	8.0	5.3	17.2
166	94	Clyde Pet	151	153	●-2	1.3	0.9	80.0
635	459	Enterprise (aa)	585	590	●+9	15.7	2.7	44.8
275	81	Exp Camp Louisiana	240	243	..	..	..	..
113	84½	Goal Pet	84	88	-1	1.3	1.5	..
187	101	Gt Western Res	165	175	-1	5.0	2.9	..
22⅛	14⅛	Hamilton	21⅛	-	●+⅛	..	..	..
167	122	Hardy O & G	142	145	-2	..	..	..
27	13	KCA Drilling	19½	20½	-½	..	..	5.1
65	34	Kelt Energy	40	42	-1	..	..	..
545	415	LASMO (aa)	502	505	●+2	12.0	2.4	75.1
175	126½	Do Units	130	145	●-2	28.5	20.7	..
34⅛	18⅛	Monument	29⅛	30⅛	-⅛	..	..	42.3
30	15	New London	15	17	-½	26.7	..	..
45	27	Oil Search	33	36	..	..	..	..
87	48	Petrocon	63	70	-4	..	..	36.2
27	1	Petroz	16	18	..	..	..	..
117	57	Premier	101	102	-3	..	..	35.8
357	275	Ranger	357	-	..	..	..	..
44⅛	33⅛	Royal Dutch FIS	42⅛	-	-⅛	..	..	..
467	327	Shell (aa)	434	435	●+½	23.4	5.4	13.8
645	328	SILKOLENE	625	640	● ..	17.3	2.7	18.2
218	152	Sovereign	202	205	-1	..	..	..
24	11½	TR Energy	22½	23½	..	..	..	..
11	7	Target Res P/P	7	10	-1	..	..	..
203	142	Triton Europe	169	169	-2	..	..	83.8
354½	285	Ultramar (aa)	320	322	●-2	10.7	3.3	29.4
145	85	Woodside	135	138	+1	..	..	-

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
585	273	Antofagasta	550	590	+5	20.0	3.5	10.6
71	42	Boustead	67½	69	● ..	7.7	2.5	18.5
187	118	Chilington	177	184	-6	10.7	5.9	31.4
137	105	Finlay (James)	128	131	-3	5.5	4.2	25.0
182	158	Harrisons Crosfd (aa)	158	160	-2	11.3	7.1	11.7
305	202	Inchcape (aa)	268	271	-1	14.7	5.4	12.4
323	260	Lonrho (aa)	270	273	+2	19.8	7.3	13.6
58	41	Ocean Wilson	39	44	-1	3.3	7.9	4.3
333	291	Paterson Zoch	325	330	-5	10.5	3.2	15.7
333	291	Do 'A'	325	330	-5	10.5	3.2	15.7
389	237	Polly Peck (aa)	324	327	r-4	16.7b	5.1	8.2
117	52	Sime Darby	106	111	●+1	..	..	..
134½	89	Tozer Kemsley	131	133	●-1	6.0	4.5	12.0

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
295	222	Abbott Mead	270	275	●-3	8.5	3.1	11.8
46½	28	Addison Cons	31	33	●-1	1.9	5.9	18.1
301	186	ASSOC PAPER	183	188	-2	11.7	6.3	8.3
116	78	Barker (Charles)	87	92	-1	4.8	5.3	9.3
249	209	BEMROSE	235	238	● ..	15.1b	6.4	9.7
157	113	Brunning	118	128	●-2	6.7	5.4	6.4
178	116	Bunzl (aa)	117	120	●-3	7.9	6.6	10.0
233	200	Cropper (James)	195	205	..	3.3	1.7	9.0
619	414	DRG	605	608	●-2	18.3	3.0	16.6
97	78	Dalyn Packaging	90	94	..	1.9	2.1	16.1
282	237½	FERGUSON IND	253	255	..	15.3	6.0	11.1
329	252	FKB	310	320	-2	9.3	3.0	13.2
360	239	Fitch-RS	295	305	●-10	13.3	4.4	7.6
93	43	Geers Gross	60	65	+3	1.3e	2.1	22.2
332	251	Gold Greenless	272	277	● ..	10.0	3.6	9.0
326	163	Goodhead	203	208	●-5	7.3	3.5	8.2
255	165	Huntsprint	160	170	..	13.3	8.1	8.1
166	123	Johnston Press	148	153	●-2	5.3	3.5	12.6
257	210	KLP	215	225	+2	9.2	4.2	17.8
50	8½	Kelson	13	14	..	..	..	..
250	195	Lopex	215	220	●-2	8.7	4.0	11.5
455	323	Lowe HS & B	420	423	-3	16.9	4.0	11.9
313	137	MBL Research	288	293	-1	..	..	19.1
416	278	More O'Ferrall	397	402	●+2	14.4	3.6	14.6
329	143	Norton Opax	225	228	..	6.71	3.0	23.0
242	163	Ocea Hldgs	203	213	●-2	14.0	6.7	12.1
148	93	Paragon Comms	143	148	● ..	4.8	3.3	13.0
249	187	St Ives Gp	217	222	-4	4.7	2.1	15.0
423	273	Saatchi 10p (aa)	335	338	+37	21.3	6.3	7.0
150	105	Shandwick	128	132	-3	2.7	2.1	12.5
375	270	Smith David	307	311	-5	11.7	3.8	8.2
595	385	Smurfit (Jeff)	550	568	-7	..	..	..
302	179	UK Paper	260	263	●-4	8.1	3.1	12.9
413	326	Usher Walker	330	335	..	13.3	4.1	9.1
210	71	VPI Gp	71	73	..	4.8	6.7	4.0
378	182	WCRS	325	327	+6	5.7	1.7	12.7
761	468	WPP	702	710	+9	31.6	4.5	14.8
420	259	Wace	240	243	r-7	6.0	2.5	20.4
219	164	Waddington (J)	165	188	-4	9.7	5.2	11.8
462	375	Watmough	435	445	● ..	12.0	2.7	16.8
73	32	Waverley Cam	31	34	..	1.3	3.9	11.5
213	148	Yellowhammer	203	208	-3	4.4	2.1	11.8

PROPERTY

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
154	126	Allied Lon	124	127	-4	3.9	3.1	12.0
180	127	Arda	124	129	●-2	2.1	1.7	20.2
149	89	BHH Group	133	135	● ..	6.3	4.7	9.9
230	130	Baker Harris	125	135	-2	9.3	7.2	6.3
526	454	Belton (P)	463	470	..	20.6	4.4	15.5
228	201	Bourne End	158	165	●-7	3.5	1.7	57.7
128	115	Bradford	113	117	-2	3.7	3.2	12.1
339	212	Bredero	273	280	r-3	8.0	2.9	15.8
407	324	Br Land (aa)	354	358	-1	6.2	1.7	17.0
250	165	Brixton	199	202	●-3	7.1	3.5	30.5
155	56	Cams Est	100	104	+1	5.3	5.2	18.5
405	348	Cap & Counties	392	402	-3	15.3	3.9	19.6
490	395	Cardiff Prop	450	500	..	2.9	0.6	..
10⅛	790	Chesterfield	955	960	-10	21.3	2.2	30.7
227	113	Chinese	110	115	-5	5.3	4.7	8.3
237	155	Citygrove	160	170	-7	10.7	6.5	4.8
240	83	Clarke Nickolls	95	105	s-3	3.41	3.4	12.6
331	234	Clayform	288	293	●-1	13.2	4.5	8.3
333	160	Connells	155	165	●-8	12.0	7.5	5.8
70	46½	Control Secs	51	52	-1½	1.1	2.1	9.4
310	250	CUSSINS	240	260	● ..	11.8	4.7	9.8
10⅛	955	Daejan	930	960	..	29.3	3.1	7.5
36⅛	27½	Dares Estates	30⅛	31½	-½	2.0	6.4	10.5
160	128	Debenham Tewson	145	150	..	9.3	6.3	7.9
110	68	De Morgan	87	92	-1	4.8	5.3	8.9
259	183	Dencora	192	202	-2	7.3	3.7	5.7
825	635	Derwent Hldgs	800	830	..	8.1	1.0	37.2
84	67	Dukeminster	76	78	-2	1.5	1.9	..
205	23	Egerton Trust	146	153	-2	10.7	7.1	7.2
350	300	Estates & Agency	340	360	..	6.7	1.9	44.4
231	177	Estates Gen	223	228	●-2	4.7	2.1	54.9
255	170	Evans Of Leeds	223	243	-4	8.2	3.4	17.5
80	54	Five Oaks	76	79	+1	1.7	2.2	8.5
205	175½	Fletcher King	185	195	..	14.1	7.4	8.8
543	425	Frogmore	495	500	●-4	14.7	3.0	18.0
456	383	Granger	375	390	-20	6.7b	1.7	19.0
396	290	Gt Portland	308	313	-1	10.0	3.2	30.8
578	393	Greycoat	486	490	-2	6.0	1.2	20.9
9⅛	2⅛	Halwood Gp	4⅛	-	..	..	..	..
65	32	Hambro Countrywd	36	39	..	..	..	8.3
9⅛	806	Hammerson	840	850	..	22.7	2.7	26.9
934	758	Do 'A' (aa)	800	808	+2	22.7	2.8	25.6
188	118	Hanover Druce	125	135	..	6.7	5.2	7.9
705	643	Hardanger	680	720	..	31.0	4.4	10.7
352	261	HELICAL BAR	313	320	●-9	7.7	2.4	6.8
216	143	Herring Son	210	215	● ..	6.7	3.1	15.4
320	247½	Jermyn	225	275	..	3.3	1.3	..
541	439	Laing Prop	524	538	+4	14.3	2.7	18.8
619	535	Land Sec (aa)	543	547	-4	19.2	3.5	28.1
157	119	Lon & Edin Tst	138	140	-3	5.8	4.2	7.7
118	97	Do 6% Cv	105	107	..	8.0	7.5	..
197	145	Lon & Metro	147	150	●-3	8.9	6.0	8.1
64	41	Lon Securities	43	44	-1	1.3	3.0	6.1
609	518	MEPC (aa)	536	539	-4	21.0	3.9	34.5
273	155	McInerney	245	255	+7	..	..	..
222	190	McKay Secs	210	230	● ..	7.1b	3.3	21.7
104	63	Marldeath	84	86	-2	6.7	7.9	8.5
523	473	Merivale Moore	490	505	●-5	14.0	2.8	9.0
148	48	Merlin Intl	60	67	-3	5.3	8.3	3.4
136	111	Moorfield Estates	108	113	..	2.1	1.9	9.8
177	148	Mountleigh	156	158	-1	6.3	4.0	12.1
15	12	Mountview	13½	14	..	12.7	0.9	8.5
265	184	Muckiow (A&J)	273	276	-2	11.9	4.3	21.2
108	81	New Cavendish	79	83	..	2.0	2.5	62.8
24½	17½	Ossory Est	21½	22½	..	1.0	4.5	10.0
125	93	Pennant Prop	65	105	..	2.7	2.7	..
202	117	Power Corp	190	200	-2	..	..	..
535	357	Priest Marians	480	487	+2	4.4	0.9	..
195	155	Prop Security	153	156	s-3	5.0b	3.2	27.3
16	10	Raglan	9½	10½	● ..	0.2	2.0	14.9
143	82	Regalian	81	85	-3	5.3	6.4	4.8
106	67	Rockfort	72	75	●+2	3.5	4.7	4.7
709	480	Rosehaugh	588	595	-5	2.1	0.4	17.2
405	320	RUSH & TOMPKINS	315	325	●-15	20.3	6.3	8.5
118	88	Savills	90	93	..	5.0	5.4	7.7
172	146½	Scot Met	159	161	-3	7.1	4.4	25.7
231	178	Shaftsbury	207	212	-3	1.3	0.6	8.1
99	69	Stanston Secs	74	78	-2	6.0	8.0	8.2
73	42	Sheio	42	48	..	1.3	3.0	..
103	78	Sinclair Goldsmith	90	95	● ..	6.7	7.2	7.8
402	282	Slough Estates (aa)	336	341	● ..	13.1	3.9	18.5
248	165	Sommerset Prop	185	188	-6	4.0	2.1	11.8
353	283	Speyhawk	320	325	+2	17.3	5.4	9.5
122	95	Town Centre	97	101	+1	2.1	2.1	32.5
238	203	Trafford Park	217	227	●-1	6.9	3.1	24.4
788	523	UK Land	510	535	-15	14.7	2.8	3.3
62	39	Union Square	42	45	..	1.6	3.6	12.2
260	195	Warner	193	203	..	9.0	4.5	25.5
13	283	Warnford	333	340	..	32.0	9.6	31.5
136	96	Warrington	95	104	+1	1.8	1.8	61.3
120	95	Waterglade	95	105	..	6.0	6.0	5.9
202	165	Wates	194	197	● ..	4.1	2.1	13.0
235	170	West & Country	165	175	●-3	18.7	11.0	2.7

SHIPPING

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
688	444	Assoc Br Ports	627	632	●-10	14.7	2.3	16.7
402	355	Caledonia	370	377	+1	13.3	3.6	19.1
206	163	Clarkson (H)	135	190	..	8.7	4.6	11.7
141	128	Fisher (James)	132	137	● ..	5.4	4.0	16.1
220	155	Graig	205	215	● ..	5.3	2.5	14.2
81	68	Jacobs (JI)	73	76	● ..	5.7	7.6	33.2
227	181	Mersey Docks	204	209	●+1	3.6	1.7	7.1
383	257	OCEAN TRANS	330	337	● ..	16.3	4.9	15.6
730	520	P & O Dfd (aa)	650	655	●-5	36.7	5.6	12.7
108	91	P & O 5.5%	53	95	..	7.3	7.8	..
480	333	Runciman (Walter)	473	483	..	14.0	2.9	16.8
539	414	Tiphook	440	450	●-11	9.3	2.1	14.8
305	215	Turnbull Scott	263	278	-2	8.0	2.9	14.3

SHOES, LEATHER

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94	59	Headlam	62	69	+2	2.9	4.4	9.8
216	113	Lambert Howarth	162	172	● ..	12.7	7.6	..
303	185	Pittard Garnar	183	193	-2	8.1	4.4	..
266	141	Strong & Fisher	143	148	..	16.4	11.2	16.6
310	250	STYLO	270	290	..	9.3	3.3	63.1

TEXTILES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
36	24	Atkins	28	31	..	..	..	..
396	313	Allied Text	383	387	-1	14.5	3.8	13.3
260	226	Beale (John)	240	250	+2	10.1	4.1	8.8
105	73	Beckman (A)	73	78	..	6.4	8.4	12.1
88	62	Bolton Gp	60	63	-4	..	..	..
219	195	Br Mohair	195	200	● ..	10.7	5.4	7.8
402	303	COURTAULDS (aa)	353	356	-11	17.3	4.9	10.3
246	197	Dawson	211	214	-3	11.5	5.4	11.8
107	74	Drummond	72	75	-1	4.9	6.6	6.7
176	128	Foster (John)	168	173	..	7.3	4.3	8.3
275	185	Gaskell	208	218	..	10.4	4.9	7.3
120	78	Hicking Pentecost	104	107	+1	2.7	2.5	9.8
242	158	Jerome (S)	155	160	..	10.4	6.6	6.5
284	210	Lamont	257	263	-3	13.3	5.1	8.9
317	210	LEEDS	230	238	-2	10.7	4.6	7.5
152	130	Lister	137	140	..	5.3	3.8	14.9
72	57	Lyles (S)	64	68	-1	4.7	7.1	7.8
250	175	Mackay (Hugh)	170	180	● ..	9.3	5.3	13.1
180	155	Parkland 'A'	153	167	..	8.4	4.5	7.5
69	54	Readicut	61	62	-2	4.2	6.8	8.5
141	76	SEET	73	78	..	7.2	9.5	32.8
113	97½	Sirdar	93	102	● ..	6.9	6.8	12.0
130	75	Smallshaw (R)	73	83	..	4.0	5.1	8.1
58	36	Stoddard	35	38	..	3.3	8.9	6.9
215	115½	Textured Jersey	212	217	..	9.3	4.3	13.2
523	338	Tomkinsons	330	345	-5	14.7	4.3	6.2
144	117	Tootal	121	122	-2	6.6	5.4	14.2
31	17	West Trust	16	18	●-1	0.3	1.8	13.6
235	185	Yorklyde	218	228	..	12.0	5.4	7.0

TOBACCOS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
936	447	BAT (aa)	850	855	●+18	40.0b	4.7	11.2
145	120	PJ Carroll	133	143	..	.. b	..	..
662	424	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	640	644	+17	16.4	2.5	11.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	107.6	114.2e	-0.6	8.78
High Inc Equity	139.1	148.0e	-0.4	4.29
W'wide Bond	200.9	212.9	+0.8	4.86
Amer Growth	208.2	221.5	+1.4	0.86
Asian Pacific	115.7	123.1	+0.5	1.08
Assets/Earns	163.0	174.4	-0.8	2.12
Captl Res	86.62	88.65	-0.23	4.82
Comm/Energy	115.7	123.1e	..	1.54
Euro Captl	99.17	105.5	+0.59	0.71
General	181.3	194.0	-0.8	2.58
Japan	122.9	130.8e	-0.4	0.00
UK Gth Inc	133.0	142.3e	-0.6	1.97
Do Acc	201.4	215.5e	-1.0	1.30
US Emerg Cos	58.10	61.81e	+0.43	0.00
Income/Gth	315.8	336.0	-2.3	3.05
Mastertst Acc	93.17	99.65	+0.13	1.71
Amer Inc	57.65	61.34	+0.37	4.47
Ethical	50.97	54.23	-0.16	1.84
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580; 99, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 0801				
Am Inc/Gth	34.16	36.47e	+0.18	2.75
Euro	75.65	80.75	+0.52	0.00
Euro Inc	72.23	77.10e	+0.60	2.48
Exmpt	821.2	834.0e	-4.9	7.82
Extra Inc	45.23	48.29e	-0.26	4.33
F/E Emerg Ec	58.84	63.01	-0.14	0.39
Invest	133.9	143.0e	-0.1	1.91
Do Acc	208.5	222.5e	-0.1	1.93
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.80	22.27e	..	10.35
Inc Growth	75.46	80.58e	-0.60	3.88
Intl Inc	68.34	72.95	+0.13	4.65
Jap & Genrl	214.5	229.0	+0.1	0.00
Pacific	453.8	484.7	+0.8	0.30
Secure Inc	205.1	219.0c	-0.9	5.58
Smlr Cos	61.71	65.87e	-0.65	1.97
Spec Sits	73.54	78.51e	-0.44	1.13
UK Growth	39.34	42.00e	-0.30	2.13
World Gth	56.22	60.01	+0.06	0.10
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	345.4	367.8e	-4.5	4.57
Equity Inc	196.6	209.3	-3.1	4.48
High Yield	209.8	222.3	-2.7	4.55
Balanced	497.0	529.2	-7.9	3.08
Am Inc	37.14	39.65	+0.05	3.74
World Ass Val	36.86	39.27e	-0.35	1.04
Japan	176.8	187.7	-2.3	0.01
Sec of Am	264.2	281.1	+1.1	0.60
Asset Value	387.5	412.6	-7.8	3.14
O'seas Earn	255.4	271.9	-3.8	2.92
Recov	116.1	123.6c	-2.5	2.65
UK Spec Sits	301.5	321.4e	-3.4	3.29
Smlr Cos	185.7	197.7	-2.0	2.50
Captl	296.1	316.3e	-3.8	2.75
Am Spec Sit	86.77	92.41e	+0.14	1.23
Intl	113.0	120.3	-1.1	1.07
Growth/Inc	178.4	189.9e	-3.0	3.55
Euro Gth	24.77	26.38	-0.02	1.10
Pacific	286.6	305.2	-3.4	0.44
2nd Smlr Co	186.1	198.1e	-2.2	2.22
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Captl	94.61	100.9	-0.30	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	95.63	102.0e	+0.39	1.03
Extra Inc	106.6	113.7e	-0.6	5.08
General	201.2	214.6e	-0.3	3.26
Gt/Fxd Income	50.81	52.63e	+0.05	10.32
Inc Trust	480.0	512.0	-1.5	4.05
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Am Sm Cos	62.82	66.65	+0.72	1.10
Australia	76.81	82.48	+0.01	1.50
Convertible	32.13	35.30e	+0.05	9.10
East	128.6	137.1e	+0.7	1.10
Equity Inc	78.32	83.09	-0.10	6.00
Euro Gth	179.7	190.6	+1.2	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	183.5	194.6	+0.6	0.40
Exmpt	70.18	71.81	..	2.80
Growth/Inc	93.40	98.78e	+0.23	2.50
Do Acc	150.7	156.1e	+0.4	2.50
Global Gth	80.22	85.11	+0.65	0.10
Jap Spec	195.5	207.9	+2.0	0.00
Jap Sunrise	191.3	203.5e	+1.8	0.00
1st N Am	64.78	68.73	+0.68	1.40
UK Growth	69.59	73.83	-0.12	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	101.2	107.3	-0.1	1.20
Select Man Fd	57.73	61.25	-0.01	1.20
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	161.8	173.1e	-1.0	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	334.8	361.6e	-7.2	0.90
Do Inc	209.4	226.2e	-0.8	1.28
High Inc	87.51	93.65e	-0.42	5.80
Income	112.5	120.7e	-0.3	5.34
Man Portf Inc	96.03	104.9	..	2.84
Do Acc	169.6	181.5	..	2.20
Nth Amer	67.35	72.05	+0.81	0.36
Orient	132.3	141.6	+0.4	0.36
Exmpt	312.3	328.8	-1.4	2.75
Recov	67.55	72.28	-0.24	3.80
German	33.24	35.64	+0.46	0.80
Intl Recov	31.81	34.04	+0.22	2.80
Europe	21.76	23.45e	+0.16	2.40
Conv Genrl	26.5	28.44e	..	7.25
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT First Floor 80 Cannon St London EC4N 6HH Tel: 01-588 2868 01-629 5316 Fax 01 283 0407				
Emer Gth Inc	64.36	69.08	-0.18	2.51
Do Acc	65.62	69.60	-0.20	2.51
Fellowship Inc	69.86	74.12e	-0.25	1.92
Genrl Inc 4	311.5	329.5	-0.4	3.22
Do Acc 4	526.6	556.9	-0.6	3.22
Inc Fund 3	170.5	180.9	+2.3	4.42
Do Acc 3	332.4	352.7	-0.6	4.42
Intl Inc 2	125.0	132.2	+0.4	3.39
Do Acc 2	171.9	181.8	+0.6	3.39
Smlr Inc 5	117.2	124.4	-0.3	1.91
Do Acc	128.5	136.7	-0.4	1.91
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Sht Gt Fxd Int	54.34	55.13	-0.02	2.85
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	39.82	42.59s	-0.18	2.38
Income	49.85	53.31s	-0.18	3.85
Far East	41.85	44.55e	-0.04	0.05
Nth Amer	42.19	44.89e	..	1.80
Global	59.23	63.01e	+0.06	1.56
European	62.65	67.20e	+0.56	0.80
Japan	122.3	130.0e	+0.1	0.01
Strategic Opp	55.43	59.28	+0.08	1.23
Do Acc	53.62	57.04	-0.47	5.27
Intl Currency	42.84	45.23e	+0.14	6.63
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	85.61	91.03e	+0.60	1.39
Do Acc	89.23	95.62e	+0.33	1.39
European	62.68	66.68	+0.34	0.63
Do Acc	63.84	67.91	+0.34	0.63
F East/Gen	70.45	74.95	+0.25	0.00
Do Acc	70.45	74.95	+0.25	0.00
Glenfriars	274.4	292.0e	+1.3	2.45
Do Acc	288.7	307.2e	+1.3	2.45
Growth	271.3	288.6e	..	2.51
Do Acc	422.0	448.7e	..	2.51
Inc &Gth Inc	336.1	357.6	-1.0	3.88
Do Acc	383.1	407.6	-1.1	3.88
Master Portf	226.15	89.26c	+0.16	2.07
Do Acc	291.43	94.74c	+0.19	2.07
Spec Sits	66.55	70.80	+0.27	2.73
Do Acc	70.46	74.95	+0.28	2.73
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0666 01-929 6363				
Amer Index	144.4	152.7	-0.3	1.58
Captl	470.9	502.5e	-7.6	4.05
Euro Index	120.0	126.9	-0.5	1.71
Euro S S	73.72	78.67	-0.22	1.78
Far East S S	71.19	75.97	-0.30	0.83
Gold Gen S S	71.19	75.97	-0.30	4.50
Income	415.0	442.8e	-5.3	4.76
Intl Sp Sits	66.36	70.82	-0.39	1.88
Jap Index	95.67	100.8	-1.46	0.00
N Amer	325.8	347.6	-0.7	1.84
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708				
Euro Port	64.95	69.47e	+0.76	1.50
Portf	60.86	65.17	+0.18	2.82
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	541.15		..	4.71
Fixed Int	138.15		..	10.35
Deposit	100.0		..	13.61
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	817.27	●	..	4.95
Acc	£17.5042		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	13.40
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS Leconfield House Curzon Street London W1Y 8AL Tel: 01-726 7733				
Man Reinvest	26.37	28.05e	..	..
SC Spec Sits	63.14	66.61	..	0.00
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5, Trump Street, EC2V 8AR Tel: 01-796 3671				
Euro Gth	77.86	82.95	+0.75	1.04
1992 Euro Spc	60.11	64.29	+0.73	1.01
Intl Inc	58.87	62.96	+0.17	3.25
NAm Gth	59.22	63.34	+0.52	1.53
Pacific Gth	79.04	84.54	+0.26	3.03
UK Gth Acc	63.98	69.82e	-0.48	2.59
Do Dist	77.95	83.37e	-0.45	2.59
UK Income	65.23	69.79e	-0.14	5.29
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	28.32	30.13	+0.17	0.00
Asia Gth	28.80	30.64	+0.05	0.52
Dragon Gth	36.34	38.66	+0.27	1.13
Equity Hi Inc	65.00	69.08e	-0.14	4.85
Do Acc	69.38	72.83e	-0.15	4.85
Euro Growth	36.64	38.98	+0.18	0.69
Genrl Equity	58.07	61.29	+0.05	2.89
Intl Inc	26.28	27.94	+0.12	5.19
Jap Growth	57.67	61.56	-0.07	0.00
Pedigree Gth	32.49	34.75	-0.06	2.27
Retire Inc	24.01	25.54e	-0.12	6.47
Do Acc	24.84	26.43e	-0.13	6.47
Spec Sits	38.80	41.72e	-0.10	2.19
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
Am Gth	70.20	74.68	+0.26	2.11
Euro Gth	76.94	81.85e	+0.50	0.15
Far East	91.49	97.33	-0.12	0.00
Gexpm Inc	39.70	42.28	-0.36	1.53
Do Acc	40.25	42.93	-0.36	1.53
Gilt/Fxd Int	44.65	46.97e	-0.24	7.48
Inc	65.00	69.15e	-0.80	3.70
Do Acc	71.46	76.02e	-0.87	3.70
Jap Gwth	47.54	50.57	-0.63	0.50
Monthly Inc	46.51	49.48e	-0.15	10.00
Private Inv Pt	51.58	54.87	-0.46	5.27
Protect Inv Pt	58.45	62.18	-0.70	2.29
Prog Inv Pt	55.67	59.22	-0.67	2.62
UK/Gen Inc	66.28	70.51	-0.83	2.65
Do Acc	70.85	75.37	-0.89	2.65
W'wide Bond	48.45	51.27e	-0.30	6.09
W'wide Sp Sits	55.46	59.32	+0.18	0.32
Do accum	56.72	60.66	+0.19	0.32
Quilter Gen Inc	102.5	108.4e	-1.7	2.43
Quilter Inc	101.8	107.5	-1.4	4.81
Quilter Intl Acc	118.5	125.3	-0.8	0.91
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	154.2	164.9	+1.7	0.37
Canadian Gth	29.47	31.52	+0.26	0.45
Euro	145.8	155.9	-0.1	0.10
Gth Trust	347.5	371.7	+0.4	2.36
High Inc	373.6	399.6e	-0.1	4.04
Intl Tech	136.1	145.6	+1.3	0.82
Investment	36.84	39.40	-0.02	0.28
Japanese	326.6	349.5	+1.4	0.00
Main Intl	36.44	38.97e	+0.06	1.79
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 080525				
Amer	82.11	87.24	+0.60	1.15
Captl	149.3	158.6	+0.1	1.26
Convertible	25.69	27.30e	+0.06	7.05
Eurofund	33.51	35.49	+0.31	0.85
Growth/Inc	215.8	229.3	+0.2	3.69
High Dist	174.4	185.3	-0.4	4.59
Intl	275.0	292.2	+0.2	1.03
Pacific	38.31	40.70e	+0.35	0.74
Recovery	25.00	27.63	+0.08	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	63.07	68.88	+2.39	0.00
Tokyo	240.5	255.0e	-1.6	0.00
Ex Am 2	151.2	155.4e	..	1.44
Ex Jap 3	154.2	158.4	+0.4	0.13
Ex Pacific 4	540.6	555.5e	+10.5	0.19
Ex Smlr Jap 4	371.9	382.1	+17.7	0.09
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	97.78	104.0	+0.10	2.41
Do Acc	104.7	111.4	..	2.41
UK Gth Accum	148.8	158.2	+0.3	2.32
UK High Inc	110.9	118.0	-0.2	5.91
N Amer Acc	81.24	86.43	+1.84	0.61
Far East Acc	150.8	160.5	..	0.48
Euro Acc	116.8	124.0	+1.1	0.84
UK Gilt/FI Inc	53.74	56.42	-0.30	9.22
Do Acc	67.28	70.64	-0.37	9.22
Intl Sp S Acc	47.69	50.73e	-0.46	1.31
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 01 373 7261				
Endurance	150.5	160.2e	-3.0	2.85
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	113.1	120.4c	..	3.70
High Inc	117.2	124.7	..	4.97
Gt/Fxd Interest	60.17	63.37	..	8.08
T Of Inv Ts	119.7	127.3	..	1.92
Spec Sits	117.5	125.0e	..	3.12
N Am	81.34	86.93e	..	1.01
Far East	190.8	203.1	..	0.52
Intl Gth	63.22	68.53	..	1.52
Euro	56.55	60.16	..	1.50
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	226.3	240.8c	-0.6	3.51
Do Inc	181.7	193.3c	-0.5	3.51
Higher Inc Acc	418.8	445.6c	-0.2	4.67
Do Inc	304.1	323.6c	-0.2	4.67
Gilts/Fxd Acc	116.8	122.6e	-0.1	9.18
Do Inc	78.20	82.25e	+0.09	9.18
N America	161.7	172.1c	+2.0	0.00
Far East	278.3	295.1c	..	0.33
Europe	233.2	248.1e	+1.0	0.15
Genrl	326.4	347.3e	+0.3	3.61
Br Excellence	49.10	52.24	-0.33	3.01
Br Fdmtls Inc	55.27	58.80e	-0.06	6.42
Do Acc	59.97	63.80e	-0.09	6.42
Global Ops	63.45	67.51	+0.84	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL Adelaide 5, Rayleigh Road Hutton, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
US Smlr Cos	103.8	111.0e	+0.8	0.30
UK Inc Fund	104.8	112.1e	-0.6	4.75
Far East	126.4	135.2e	+0.7	0.00
O/seas Income	75.01	80.14	+0.46	3.62
Fixed Interest	52.47	55.23	-0.06	9.67
Natl Res	72.69	77.74	+0.15	1.51
Euro Income	91.39	98.29	+0.07	2.31
Financials	57.68	61.79	+0.29	2.05
Intl Tech	125.1	133.8e	+1.1	0.58
UK Growth	80.08	85.65	-0.42	1.81
US Major	63.66	68.15	+0.66	0.56
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	80.66	85.81e	-0.05	1.05
Do Inc	77.49	82.43e	-0.05	1.05
High Yield Acc	34.08	36.25e	-0.14	5.05
Do Inc	29.83	31.82e	-0.13	5.05
Inc Gth Acc	66.05	70.26	-0.26	3.38
Do Inc	52.86	56.35	-0.21	3.38
Service Co Acc	78.51	83.52	-0.10	1.09
Do Inc	76.15	81.01	-0.10	1.09
Am Gth Acc	33.40	35.53	+0.26	0.77
Do Inc	32.61	34.90	+0.26	0.77
Euro Gth Acc	28.45	30.28e	+0.06	0.41
Do Inc	28.04	29.83e	+0.06	0.41
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	155.2	164.3	+2.6	0.00
Am Equity Inc	36.89	39.15	+0.45	3.36
Am Spec Sits	65.61	70.50	+0.26	0.00
Australia	29.11	30.84	+0.14	0.21
European	112.4	119.7e	+1.8	..
Euro Inc	29.03	30.86	+0.02	3.28
Global Conv	24.43	26.13e	..	4.38
Far East Inc	42.76	45.31	+0.03	2.37
Gt/Fxd Interest	27.58	27.76c	+0.10	9.56
Growth/Inc	138.1	146.0	-0.2	4.22
Jap Spec Sits	107.6	114.4	+0.8	..
Japan	200.0	212.7	-0.4	..
Managed Intl	178.0	189.3	+2.0	0.00
Inc Plus	122.5	131.4	-0.1	4.29
Famous Names	49.24	52.91	-0.06	0.82
SE Asia	60.60	64.75e	+0.23	0.00
Spec Sits	368.8	395.6e	-0.9	0.00
Euro Opps	34.99	37.24	+0.23	0.00
Intl Bond	26.90	28.41	+0.06	6.49
Recov	35.86	38.46	-0.07	1.02
Moneybuilder	34.71	36.97	+0.15	0.79
Euro Ops 1992	38.55	41.04	+0.22	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	246.6	260.9e	+2.5	..
Do Acc	251.9	266.5e	+2.6	..
Am T'rnd Inc	283.5	299.9	+1.5	..
Do Acc	294.0	311.1	+1.6	..
Captl Inc	295.8	312.8e	-1.0	2.38
Do Acc	376.1	397.9e	-1.3	2.38
Conv Inc	117.3	124.1	-0.2	6.10
Do Acc	175.4	185.6	-0.2	6.10
Euro Inc	93.60	99.04	+0.37	0.52
Do Acc	94.98	100.4	+0.38	0.52
Extra Inc Inc	284.0	300.5	-0.6	4.70
Do Acc	339.0	358.7	-0.7	4.70
Financial Acc	65.36	69.16	+0.46	0.55
Do Inc	64.31	68.05	+0.46	0.55
Inc Trust	189.8	200.9	-0.6	4.23
Do Acc	220.7	233.5	-0.7	4.23
Intl Gth	195.6	206.8	+1.8	..
Do Acc	217.1	229.7	+2.0	..
Jap & Gen Inc	176.4	186.6	+1.1	..
Do Acc	176.2	186.5	+1.1	..
Monthly Inc	140.6	148.7e	-0.9	4.12
PEP 87	88.78		-0.22	3.50
PEP 88	81.87		-0.25	3.40
Recov	221.0	233.8	+0.2	1.37
Do Acc	247.2	261.5	+0.2	1.37
Smlr Inc	80.31	83.82e	-0.03	2.23
Do Acc	82.68	86.32e	-0.03	2.23
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	294.0	312.8	-1.93	2.71
Do Acc	525.7	559.2	-1.88	2.71
Euro Gth Dist	92.23	98.12	+1.08	0.38
Do Acc	93.13	99.07	+1.07	0.38
Fixed Int Dist	114.9	121.5	-0.13	6.13
Do Acc	158.3	167.8	-0.18	6.13
Intl Gth Dist	73.28	77.94	+0.42	0.34
Do Acc	74.08	78.81	+0.58	0.34
N Am Dist	162.9	162.1	+1.52	0.96
Do Acc	158.5	168.5	+1.56	0.96
Pac Basin Dist	232.5	247.4	+0.40	0.09
Do Acc	233.4	248.3	+0.86	0.09
Stwd Dist	274.8	292.3	-0.65	1.79
Do Acc	294.6	313.4	-0.71	1.79
Stwd Inc Dist	65.87	70.07	-0.12	4.08
Do Acc	69.79	74.25	-0.13	4.08
NAm Stwd Dist	68.14	72.27	+0.62	0.31
Do Acc	70.05	74.28	+0.74	0.31
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	86.24	92.24	+1.23	0.00
UK Cap Inc	152.1	165.9	-0.6	2.32
Do Acc	239.7	255.3	-0.8	2.32
Do Spec Sits	61.52	66.16e	-0.32	1.08
Inc Fund	114.0	122.0e	-0.2	5.55
Intl	209.2	223.8	+1.6	0.10
US/Genrl	61.36	65.19	+0.44	0.58
Jap & Genrl	446.3	477.4	+2.6	0.00
Far East/Gen	195.2	208.6	+0.7	0.00

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
100	76	ASB Barratt	93	100	..	1.3	1.3	20.2
16	11	Amercoal	10	13	..	..	..	..
84	65	Andaman Res	77	80	..	..	..	..
86	60	Ass Farmers	85	90	-3	..	..	..
121	91	Beckenham	92	97	r -1	4.0	4.2	12.8
368	178	Broadcast	315	340	..	..	..	35.4
135	61	Chelsea Art	90	100	..	1.3	1.4	..
48	30	Chemex Intl	45	50	..	..	..	..
143	105	Crown Eye	110	120	..	..	..	22.1
113	6½	Eglington	77	82	-1	..	..	44.4
85	29	Far E Res	25	30	-1	..	..	..
100	78	Hillclass	95	105	..	..	..	16.7
32	21	Honorsalt	21	23	..	..	..	11.2
23	12	Intl Comms	19	22	..	..	..	..
63	31	Kemp (PE)	40	45	..	2.0	4.7	16.3
105	93	LSW	90	95	..	2.7	2.9	15.1
98	71	Leading Lsr	69	72	-1	3.3	4.6	11.9
23	3½	Lynx Group	6½	8	..	..	..	2.7
251	96	Medicore	148	153	-7	..	..	..
105	35	Panama Optical	72	82	..	..	..	16.4
74	66	Rembrandt	56	60	r ..	2.5	4.3	11.4
220	177	Royal Sovereign	198	208	● ..	7.5	3.7	11.9
160	95	Sacon	140	148	● ..	3.5	2.5	8.8
113	75	UPL	70	80	..	2.7	4.9	14.0
150	135	Unit Group	142	145	-1	6.7	4.7	8.2
100	68	Video Magic Go	87	92	-1	..	..	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.4 (day's range 91.3-91.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 7

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6020-1.6065	1.6020-1.6030	0.79-0.78pr	2.26-2.24pr
Montrl	1.8637-1.8925	1.8637-1.8673	0.43-0.36pr	0.74-0.63pr
Amstrdm	3.4229-3.4307	3.4261-3.4307	2⅛-1⅞pr	5⅝-5⅜pr
Brussels	63.58-63.85	63.65-63.85	32-30pr	90-86pr
Copnhgn	11.7733-11.8242	11.8008-11.8242	4⅝-4⅜pr	12⅝-11⅝pr
Dublin	1.1366-1.1404	1.1377-1.1387	49-43pr	127-118pr
Frankft	3.0294-3.0368	3.0294-3.0329	2⅛-1⅞pr	5⅜-5pr
Lisbon	255.28-257.52	256.88-257.52	31-13pr	44-95ds
Madrid	191.16-192.80	191.90-192.50	15-6pr	34-24pr
Milan	2213.98-2221.25	2218.26-2221.25	6-4pr	15-13pr
Oslo	11.1528-11.1964	11.1734-11.1964	3⅝-3⅛pr	9⅝-9⅛pr
Paris	10.2527-10.3069	10.2720-10.2844	4⅜-4⅛pr	12⅝-12⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.3626-10.3867	10.3722-10.3867	2⅜-2⅛pr	7⅜-7⅛pr
Tokyo	228.68-229.76	228.68-229.14	1⅝-1⅜pr	5-4⅝pr
Vienna	21.3820-21.3722	21.3429-21.3722	11⅝-10pr	34⅝-30pr
Zurich	2.6346-2.6450	2.6377-2.6409	1⅝-1½pr	4⅝-4½pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1045.20-1053
Australia dollar	2.0440-2.0
Bahrain dinar	0.6020-0.6
Brazil cruzado*	8.3483-8.3
Cyprus pound	0.7930-0.8
Finland marka	6.8585-6.9
Greece drachma	264.90-268
Hong Kong dollar	12.541-12.5
India rupee	26.83-27
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4745-0.4
Malaysia ringgit	4.3287-4.3
Mexico peso	4075-4
New Zealand dollar	2.7300-2.7
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0015-6.0
Singapore dollar	3.1573-3.1
S Africa rand (fin)	6.0643-6.2
S Africa rand (com)	4.3311-4.3
U A E dirham	5.8825-5.9

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4140-1.4155	Denmark	7.3240-7.3290	Italy	1380.5-138
Singapore	1.9643-1.9653	W Germany	1.8870-1.8880	Belgium (Com)	39.87-39
Malaysia	2.6920-2.6930	Switzerland	1.6435-1.6445	Hong Kong	7.8025-7.8
Australia	1.2755-1.2771	Netherlands	2.1285-2.1295	Portugal	159.80-160
Canada	1.1752-1.1762	France	6.3750-6.3800	Spain	119.90-120
Sweden	6.4450-6.4500	Japan	142.65-142.75	Austria	13.31-13
Norway	6.9425-6.9525				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 *Finance Hse* 14
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15 Low 14½ Week fixed: 14¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14 17/32 3 mth – 14 13/32
Selling: 2 mth – 14 13/32 3 mth – 14 7/32
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅝-14½
2 mth: 14 9/16-14 7/16 3 mth: 14 7/16-14⅜ 6 mth 13 13/16-13¾
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⅜
2 mth: 15 3/16 3 mth: 15 1/16 6 mth 14 7/16
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 14¾ close 14¾
1 week: 14 15/16-14¾ 1 mth: 14 15/16-14⅞ 3 mth: 14 15/16-14⅞
6 mth: 14⅝-14⅝ 9 mth: 14⅝-14⅝ 12 mth: 14⅝-14½
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14½ 7 day: 14¾ 1 mth: 14⅞
3 mth: 14⅞ 6 mth: 14⅝ 12 mth: 14½
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14 15/16-14 13/16
3 mth: 14 15/16-14⅞ 6 mth: 14⅝-14⅝ 12 mth 14 7/16-14 5/16
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.83-8.78
3 mth: 8.83-8.78 6 mth: 8.72-8.67 12 mth 8.67-8.62
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15-14⅞ 2 mth: 15-14⅞ 3 mth: 15-14⅞
6 mth: 14⅞-14⅝ 9 mth: 14⅝-14½ 12 mth: 14 9/16-14 7/16

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £1,356m allotted: £500m
Bids: £98.41% received: 57%
Last week: £n/a received: ....
Avge rate: £14.3757% last wk £n/a
Next week: £n/a replace £....

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8 15/16-11/16	8 15/16-13/16	8 15/16-13/16	8 13/16-11/16
Call: 9-8				
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	7 15/16-13/16	7 15/16-13/16
Call: 7½-6½				
French Franc:	9⅝-8⅝	9⅝-8⅝	9 13/16-11/16	9 13/16-11/16
Call: 9½-8½				
Swiss Franc:	7½-7⅜	7 9/16-7 7/16	7 11/16-7 9/16	7⅝-7
Call: 7½-6½				
Yen:	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜	5 15/16-13/16	5⅝-5
Call: 5⅝-4⅞				

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BULLION: Per ounce
Open: $363.50-364.00 Close: $363.00-363.50
High: $363.75-364.25 Low: $362.25-363.75

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $372.00-377.00 (£232.00-235.00)
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American Eagles: $372.00-377.00 (£232.00-235.00)
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Old Sovereigns: $85.50-86.50 (£53.25-54.00)
Platinum: $486.15 (£301.95)
Palladium: $137.25 (£85.25)
Silver: $5.12-5.14 (£3.190-3.205)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 24067		
Dec 89	2300.0	2317.0	2280.0	2315.0	7730
Mar 90	2347.0	2347.0	2347.0	2357.0	3
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 94579		
Dec 89	85.32	85.42	85.27	85.41	30893
Mar 90	86.19	86.35	86.17	86.32	6644
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 31572		
Dec 89	91.20	91.51	91.20	91.47	12011
Mar 90	91.45	91.77	91.44	91.75	1849
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 22146		
Dec 89	92.21	92.34	92.16	92.22	6802
Mar 90	92.38	92.42	92.35	92.42	609

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 727		
Dec 89	97-11	98-10	97-08	98-05	609
Mar 90	NT	—	—	98-00	
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 2887		
Dec 89	92-17	93-16	92-17	93-16	3219
Mar 90	NT	—	—	94-16	
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 100		
Dec 89	104.28	104.70	104.18	104.56	56
Mar 90	103.84	103.84	103.84	104.09	
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 3614		
Dec 89	93.43	93.68	93.32	93.63	4797
Mar 90	93.60	93.63	93.55	93.81	14

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Vivien Goldsmith finds lenders reluctant to increase rates – but resigned to it

Crisis over mortgages

Mortgage interest rates are set to rocket again after the latest rise in bank base rates. But the agony of anticipating exactly by how much monthly payments will rise could last for several weeks.

None of the lenders are enthusiastic about pushing up rates. They fear that the already weak housing market will completely collapse and do not relish hounding home owners who fail to keep pace with higher payments.

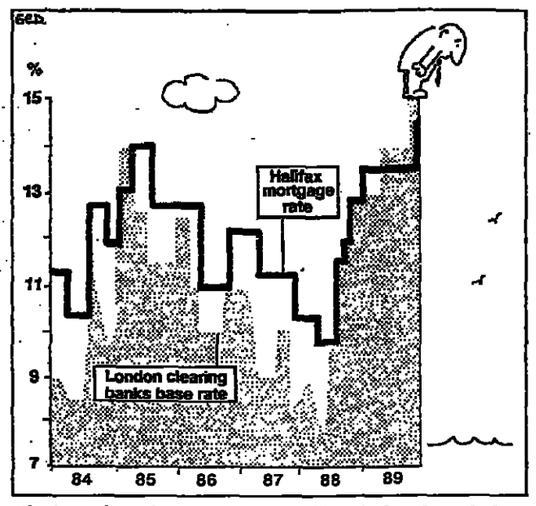
In the first six months of this year repossessions actually fell by 30, to 6,350, over the previous six months, although mortgage arrears were already rising.

Of some 7.7 million mortgages, 45,100 were six to 12 months behind schedule at the end of June, compared with 37,440 at the end of 1988. The number of mortgages more than a year in arrears rose by 330 to 9,260.

Lenders do not want to repossess property that they will not be able to sell in the market — and they are not desperate to swap a mortage for cash which they will find difficult to lend out at a profit.

The upward spiral in rates will be led by the need to keep savings rates competitive. No lender can afford to have savings rates below those of the competition for too long — and once savings rates rise, mortgage rates inevitably follow. It is likely that savings rates will rise by around 1 percentage point.

Although the focus is on mortgage rates, because mortgage payments usually represent a greater slice of a family's finance than their savings, it is still true that higher rates are good news for thousands of people. Most building societies have six savings accounts for every mortgage.



Mortgage rates are likely to rise by 1.25 percentage points to 14.75 per cent. The largest building society, the Halifax, has been extremely reluctant to raise rates, but a spokesman admitted yesterday that if the base rate rise is sustained then mortage rates will have to rise.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester also said it would put up rates reluctantly. But Nationwide Anglia said a rise in rates was likely before the end of the year. "The competition for savers' funds is hotting up," said a spokesman.

Mr Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Leeds Permanent Building Society, said: "The big question is not 'if,' but 'how much.' There is clearly an opportunity for building societies to take this opportunity of bringing mortgage rates in line with the base rate, but a rise of 1.5 per cent is something we will resist."

Some lenders are talking about a rate rise on November 1, but others are hoping to hold back for a couple of weeks before taking a decision on rates, and bring in the new higher mortgage and savings rates later in the autumn.

Only 60 per cent of borrowers will feel the pinch immediately — the rest will have their payments adjusted monthly. At the Halifax, for instance, 80 per cent of the 1.6 million borrowers have an annual review. The monthly payments are set in February and run from the following April.

But branch managers have already been briefed about how to handle borrowers who run into payment difficulties. They have been told to give "continuity of payment" top priority. What this means is that the society would rather sit down with borrowers and work out how much of the mortgage payments they can afford, rather than allow arrears to build up.

Each branch manager has been given discretion to agree a new payment level appropriate for individual customers' circumstances. But when payments are cut back below the going rate, then the capital owing will mount. No society would want to see the debt out-run the value of a property. But in most cases there is a considerable margin, as 100 per cent mortgages have become a rarity.

The Halifax will act as soon as one monthly payment is missed, unless the mortgage has been running for more than two years, and the loan is a small percentage of the value of the property. But even in these cases there will be action after two months.

If borrowers in trouble do not respond to requests to visit the branch, they will be visited at home.

● Most fixed rate mortgages have been withdrawn, but there are still some on offer. Chase de Vere has mortgages fixed at 12.95 per cent for four years, backed by £5 million of funds. Borrowers can convert to a variable rate after two years on payment of one month's interest, and during the first two years either 3 per cent or 5 per cent of the interest can be deferred as long as the loan is for no more than 85 per cent of the value of the property. At the end of the two years, the ubnderpayment is capitalized as part of the debt.

The broker also has a three-year mortgage with interest fixed at 11.95 per cent for the first year and 12.5 per cent for the second and third years, making an average of 12.3 per cent.

John Charcol, the mortgage broker, has "cap and collar" mortgages, where the interest rate over the next four years has a ceiling of 13.5 per cent and a floor of 10.5 per cent. It also has five-year fixed mortgages with interest set at 12.1 per cent for the first two years, and 12.8 per cent for the remaining three years.

THE SPIRALLING COST OF MORTGAGES

	Repayment				Endowment				
	13.5%	14.5%	14.75%	15.0%	13.5%	14.5%	14.75%	15.0%	Low Cost* Endowment
£30,000	278.07	294.15	298.22	302.28	253.13	271.88	276.58	281.25	37.60
£40,000	385.44	409.66	415.79	421.92	365.63	392.72	399.50	406.25	49.80
£50,000	502.90	534.73	542.78	550.83	478.13	513.55	522.42	531.25	62.00
£60,000	620.35	659.80	669.77	679.75	590.63	634.38	645.33	656.25	74.20
£70,000	737.81	784.87	795.76	808.66	703.13	755.22	768.25	781.25	86.40
£80,000	855.26	909.94	923.75	937.58	815.63	876.05	891.17	906.25	98.60
£90,000	972.72	1,035.01	1,050.74	1,066.50	928.13	996.88	1,014.08	1,031.25	110.80
£100,000	1,090.17	1,160.08	1,177.73	1,195.41	1,040.63	1,171.72	1,136.99	1,156.25	123.00

*Assumes male, 30, non-smoking

Go-ahead for pensions tribunal as complaints soar by more than half

Enquiries from worried pension scheme members rose by more than half last year, according to the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), which held its annual meeting yesterday.

But a pensions tribunal to resolve disputes over pensions entitlement and a national pensions tracing service are expecting the go-ahead from the Government in the next parliamentary session.

These were the principal recommendations of a report by the Occupational Pensions Board, published in February, which is still awaiting an official Government response. Until now the burden of intervening on behalf of pension scheme members who felt they had not been treated fairly, or who were just bewildered by the scheme rules, has fallen on Opas. Last year it handled about 3,000 enquiries, with some 700 of them needing detailed investigation.

The work is done by 165 volunteers under the charitable status of Opas. Miss Margaret Grainger, the chairman, said Opas agreed with the recommendation that any expanded service should be funded by fees — probably fees from pension schemes, as they were entered upon the central register. However, Opas has opposed the notion that any charge should be made to those approaching the service for help.

"This would inhibit the public service aspect of the work which is essential to retain and attract voluntary counsellors," said the Opas annual report. "Frivolous enquiries are part of the job. Those making them would probably not be inhibited by a small fee, whereas needy applicants might be put off."


Grainger: volunteer service

Miss Grainger said that Opas sees about 100 cases a year that are suitable for passing to a Pensions Tribunal. These are cases where there is a strong claim against a pension scheme, but cannot be pursued because of the cost of legal action. "We never recommend that people go to the High Court because it is so expensive," she added.

A tribunal which would judge each case on its merits, rather like an industrial tribunal, seems a more likely solution than a Pensions Ombudsman.

One reason why arbitration is so difficult in pensions cases is that pension trustees have wide discretionary powers. So, while scheme members may feel that they have been treated shabbily, the trustees may still be acting within their rights. The claim of any individual scheme member against a pension fund also has to be weighed against the interests of other members.

The OPB report also recommended that the service should be expanded to take in personal as well as occupational pensions. This worries Opas as it brings it closer to giving investment advice.

It says it does not want to tangle with the financial services legislation and stray into giving pure investment advice. So, rather than give advice, it is determined to stick to giving information which allows the inquirer to reach an informed decision.

In the work it does already, advisers may be asked, for instance, to help people decide whether it would be better to take a personal pension or stay wih a company scheme.

Opas has found that its charitable status has been a constraint. But it still manages to take a campaigning attitude on some questions.

For instance, it believes stronger rules are needed to govern the winding up of pension schemes and that pensions schemes should have to give members regular information about the "real" value of their pension, allowing for the effects of inflation.

Of the inquiries to Opas, 35 per cent concern so-called early leaver problems, where pensions are left with former employers. This is followed by benefit questions (24 per cent) and problems at retirement (13 per cent).

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Marks and Spencer adding Pep to its product range

Marks and Spencer has pepped up its range of financial products with a "tax-free savings plan" backed by a new UK unit trust.

The stores will soon be displaying booklets explaining how the personal equity plan and the unit trust works. The trust, called the UK Selection Portfolio, will be mainly invested in UK equities, with up to 15 per cent invested in convertibles.

The management will be split between BZW, Hill Samuel and GMO Woolley. The minimum investment is £500, or £25 a month. The fixed offer price of 100p runs from October 30 to November 17. Those investing more than £1,000 during the launch period will enjoy a 1 per cent discount. The same discount is also open to M&S shareholders, account holders and staff on investments up to £1,000, with a 1.5 per cent bonus on larger investments.

The charges on the trust are 5.5 per cent initially and 1.5 per cent a year. There are no extra charges for taking up to £2,400 within the Pep. But investors should beware that this is a unit trust-only Pep, so they will not be able to use their full £4,800 allowance.

As a result, CCF Foster Braithwaite, the private client broker, has launched the Double-Up Pep, a rescue package.

This allows investors to continue holding their original unit trust selection up to the unit trust maximum of £2,400, and top it up with a portfolio of shares managed on a discretionary basis.

The scheme was devised after holders of unit trust Peps contacted CCF Foster Braithwaite to try to use their £2,400 Pep allowance, without realizing that the Pep rules mean two plans cannot be run in tandem.

There is a registration fee of £50, which includes the cost of buying the initial shares. Then there is a 1 per cent annual management charge.

Mr Hugh Holloway, the marketing director, said: "I hope that the unit trust companies will act in investors' interests and not force them to sell their units or make extra charges."

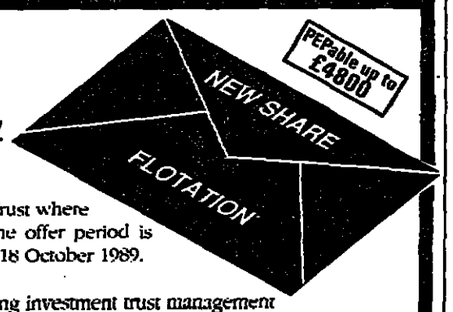
The new Pep from Norwich Union allows investors to top up the unit trust portion with equities, or to put the full sum into equities. But Guinness Mahon has really shown just have many variations there are on the Pep theme. They have come up with 12 styles based on unit trusts, the Temple Bar Investment Trust or management by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker.

Ivory & Sime has created an investment trust specially for Peps. The I&S Optimum Income Trust plans an income of 8.5 per cent from the ordinary shares, but mixing zero dividend preference shares into the mix. The trust has a life of seven-and-a-half years, and as it is a new issue investors will be able to put £4,800 into the trust, rather than the normal £2,400 for investment trusts.

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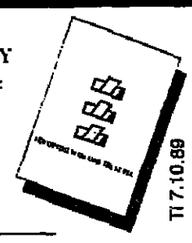
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SCOTTISH LIFE	1	—	3
SCOTTISH WIDOWS'	1	—	2
NATIONAL MUTUAL	1	—	—
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE	1	—	—
SCOTTISH MUTUAL	1	—	—
PROVIDENT MUTUAL	—	2	7
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE	—	1	1
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT	—	1	—
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FAMILY MONEY

Vincent Duggleby explains how building societies take from Peter to pay Paul

Balancing demands of interest

It might be thought that any financial organization which promised investors a return of 14.8 per cent while at the same time offering loans at 13.5 per cent, was either up to no good or would very soon go bust.

Yet that is precisely what some building societies are doing. Savers can now pick up more than 11 per cent after basic rate tax and in some cases borrowers can obtain special discounts well below the 13.5 per cent going rate.

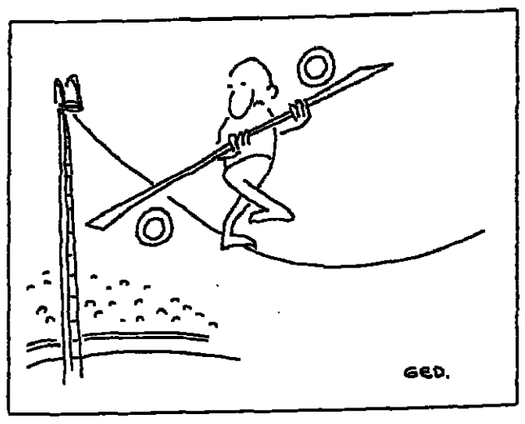
"The key to the exercise," as Mr Terry Adams, chief executive of the Skipton, says, "is flexibility. You have to remember that we raise money in both the retail and the wholesale markets at very different rates and there is also a wide spread between what we charge home buyers and commercial customers."

In the Skipton's case mortgage rates vary from 12.25 per cent up to 15.25 per cent and after adding in a lowly return of 10 per cent from the gilts portfolio, the average is at £13.78 for very £100 loaned.

For savers the spread is even wider ranging from 5 per cent on the ordinary account through 9.3 per cent on instant access (where more than half the money is invested) and up to the present top rate of 11.1 per cent net. This is only available until the society has reached its target of £50 million.

This method of funding, says Adams, is a much better way of adding to assets than putting up the instant access rate by perhaps 0.1 per cent or 0.2 per cent which might have very little impact on the market. There is always quite a lot of money looking for a home and the fact is that once placed, a high percentage of it tends to stay with the society long after the special rate has run its course.

Although the money raised in this case will be used to finance mortgages, it is always possible for a society to push retail savings straight through to the wholesale market when interest rates are high and there is a sufficient turn to be had. This is generally so when societies guarantee fixed rates for savers over a specific term of six months or a year, although part of the proceeds from the latest two-year bond at the Stroud & Swindon of 10.5 per cent fixed, will finance fixed-rate mortgages.



Again what matters to the building society is the average cost of all savings accounts taken together. Societies are helped by not having to pay tax on behalf of UK investors at the basic rate of 25 per cent. Instead they pay what is called the composite rate tax of 21.5 per cent which cannot be reclaimed by non-taxpaying investors.

In the Skipton's case each £100 they take in costs them on average £12.20 – interest plus CRT – giving a comfortable margin of more than 14.5 per cent out of which expenses of about £1 have to be paid which gives them their profit.

About 40 per cent of their profits come from this balancing act and 60 per cent from commission payments for selling endowment policies and other insurance. High savings rates may attract more money that can be lent out, especially when the housing market is depressed. For example, the premier shares of the Guardian Building Society, which have a net rate of 10.5 per cent paid quarterly and instant access on amounts over £3,000, proved so popular that the interest has been cut to 10.35 per cent from October 1.

"You have to be very astute when you are offering such an attractive rate and we have been getting far more funds than we require," says Mr Trevor Howes, the general manager. "In the circumstances we felt that a small rate reduction was better than a new product."

Societies have to keep a careful watch on cashflow, even when it can be profitably reinvested short-term in the money markets as is now the case, because it is not allowed to exceed 33 per cent of total assets. In practice, most will operate with around 15 per cent cash to meet withdrawals.

When the societies were given wider powers it opened up new opportunities for lending at higher rates on personal loans as well as expanding the range of investments beyond the highly lucrative life assurance market.

A society might derive as much as 30 or 40 per cent of the profits from commissions and the scope for cross-subsidy is considerable.

Japan still tops for investment funds

The rising sun has yet to cast shadows over unit trusts investing in Japan, despite growing speculation that the heady gains to be made there will soon be a thing of the past.

Smaller companies have emerged as the star performers, leaving larger corporations in their tracks.

Japanese funds numbered 18 out of the 20 top performers during September, according to the latest figures from Micropal. They held the top five places over five years, offer to bid, with smaller companies and special situations being dominant.

Star performer last month was the Touche Remnant Japan Growth fund, which gained 14.93 per cent, offer to offer. The fund is heavily exposed to small and medium-sized Japanese companies – a combination which adds up to more risk but can also brings high gains while the going is good.

"The smaller sized regional companies are the future," said Miss Jane Baldwin, who manages the fund.

Looking back over one year, Japanese funds have been eclipsed by competition from Europe, which has come to dominate the picture. Morgan Grenfell's European Growth Trust snatched the top position from Abtrust's Far Eastern Emerging Economies, with Fidelity's popular European Trust in third place.

The worst performers include funds tapping into gilts and fixed interest stocks, and one or two which favour gold and exploration.

The Far East still dominates investment trusts, with emerging Asian markets continuing to pick up steam. Edinburgh Fund Managers' Dragon Fund is the top performer over one month and is ranked in the top five over one year. Mr Mike Balfour, the fund manager, believes Malaysia, Korea and Hong Kong still have some way to go in the long term. He also likes Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Jon Ashworth

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Abtrust Far E Emerg Econ	177.07	Cornhill Gilt & Fixed Interest	92.85
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NM Far Eastern Growth	161.95	CCL Recovery	91.64
FS European Growth	161.39	MIM Britannia Smaller Cos	91.46
Henderson European	158.82	Schroder Gilt	91.34
Perpetual European Gwth	158.54	Waverley Australasian Gold	90.27
Abtrust European	158.49	S&P Gold & Exploration	89.63
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FAMILY MONEY

Liz Gill searches for domestic gold in the fast-growing home cleaning sector

Treasure hunting by telephone

The term treasure hunting takes on a new meaning when applied to finding a cleaning lady: demand now far outstrips supply. The rise in the numbers of working women and the growth of leisure activities have coincided with the near disappearance of the traditional char. The result is that would-be employers are increasingly paying for help in finding a help.

Advertisements in shop windows, poaching from rivals or sharing with friends still produce the occasional result. However, registration with an employment agency or use of one of the new contract house-cleaning companies is more reliable.

The latter is one of the fastest-growing service industries in Britain according to Mrs Alina Korolewska, field support officer for Molly Maid UK which has 40 franchise operations in Britain plus branches overseas.

"I think people have more disposable income these days and would rather pay someone else to clean than do it themselves. They feel they have better things to do with their time."

Organizations like Molly Maid calculate by the job rather than the hour. A free estimate is given by visiting customers' homes, discussing their needs and assessing the size of the task.

The company's team, usually just two, then works to the agreed contract. Most popular at the moment, says Mrs Korolewska, is the fortnightly regular clean. Prices start at a minimum £18 for a one-bedroomed flat and rise accordingly. An average three-bedroomed house usually works out at about £24. The company also offers the one-off spring clean starting at £80 for a flat and will also quote for individual cleaning tasks such as a filthy cooker.



House proud: Molly Maid UK has 40 franchises with pairs of cleaners using liveried cars

Poppies is a similar network of 80 franchises around the country. Mrs June Walden, proprietor of the Sutton branch in Surrey estimates she has about 200 "regulars" using her cleaners for housework, laundry or ironing. They offer a spring clean ranging from about £55 to £150 or regular sessions of three hours for £16.50.

"We try to assess realistically. Obviously three hours is not enough for someone with three bathrooms or a mound of ironing as well." Most people opt for three or four hours a week often with a monthly "top up", calculated at £5.50 an hour to cover extras like paintwork that cannot or need not be tackled weekly.

Dial-A-Char has a total of 18 branches. At the East Grinstead, West Sussex, branch, a minimum three-hour visit will cost £20 though Mrs Sheena Blenkinsop, secretary to the managing director, says prices may be slightly less in other parts of the country. "A typical three-bedroomed house might be covered in three hours but it would also depend on the number of public rooms."

Scrubbers is based in London but cover a 25-mile radius of the capital. Prices for a spring clean including hand scrubbing of floors range from £60 for a small flat to between £400 and £500 for a substantial house.

For regular cleaning the company only offers full days at £55 (slightly less if a long-term contract is negotiated) but that day can be taken on anything from a daily basis to once a month. The company also has a Maid for the Day service for £57.50 where a "trained hard-working girl" will undertake anything on the household front.

"She's there between 9am and 4pm and what she does depends on what the customer asks for," says Mrs Tessa Fane. "It could be shifting a pile of ironing or some cleaning task they can't face or simply a one-off treat."

All the companies say that their cleaners – almost invariably women – are personally interviewed and thoroughly vetted. Clients who are out during the day can usually either make key arrangements with the cleaners themselves or with the company.

Scrubbers and Molly Maid bring their own materials and equipment, the other two unless requested use the clients' own for regular jobs. Some of the organizations are high profile – Molly Maid's staff, for instance, arrive in a logoed Metro – others choose a more muted approach.

All say they do spot checks to ensure quality control and that customer complaints are dealt with promptly. And they guarantee someone will turn up. "You don't come home on the evening of a dinner party and discover your cleaning lady hasn't been," says Mrs Walden. "And if you are unhappy you don't have the hassle of having to pull someone up. You just ring us."

All the cleaning organizations say they are fully insured but customers would be advised to double check both the contract and their own household policies. This becomes particularly important where staff are found through domestic employment agencies: here insurance against breakages or injury is usually the client's responsibility.

Rates for this type of cleaner vary according to location and agency commissions. Oxford Aunts charge £4 an hour for spring cleaning, £3 an hour for regular housework and an agency fee of £4.60 a session. They use mainly students, but do take up references.

In York, cleaners working for York Helpers get £2.45 an hour plus an agency fee of £4 per session. Again the minimum is two hours. In Edinburgh a customer using Bruntsfield Helping Hands will pay £3.75 an hour for a minimum of three hours of which the cleaner receives £2.15 an hour.

Scoring with small US shares

By Isabel Unsworth

Current advice in the City for smaller company investors is "Go west, young man." For strong capital growth in the next two years some fund managers now believe that the best returns will be found in overseas markets and in the US in particular.

The attraction of small companies is always the prospect of above-average capital returns but 1989 is proving to be a disappointing exception to the rule. The rise in the FT-SE index this year has been mainly driven by the performance of the alpha stocks. Performance among smaller companies has been dampened by a trickle of bad news and reduced profit forecasts as companies vulnerable to high interest rates and the early signs of recession have felt the pain.

With the continuing uncertainty about the economic outlook and the potential depth of the recession, Britain is unlikely to return to favour in the near future even though small companies are now relatively cheap.

The situation in the United States is rather different. There, small company funds enjoyed a boom in the high-tech era of the early 1980s but the sector has under-performed over the last seven years.

Small United States company shares are now cheaper in price/earnings terms against the market than at any time in the last 10 years. This is unlikely to remain the case for much longer.

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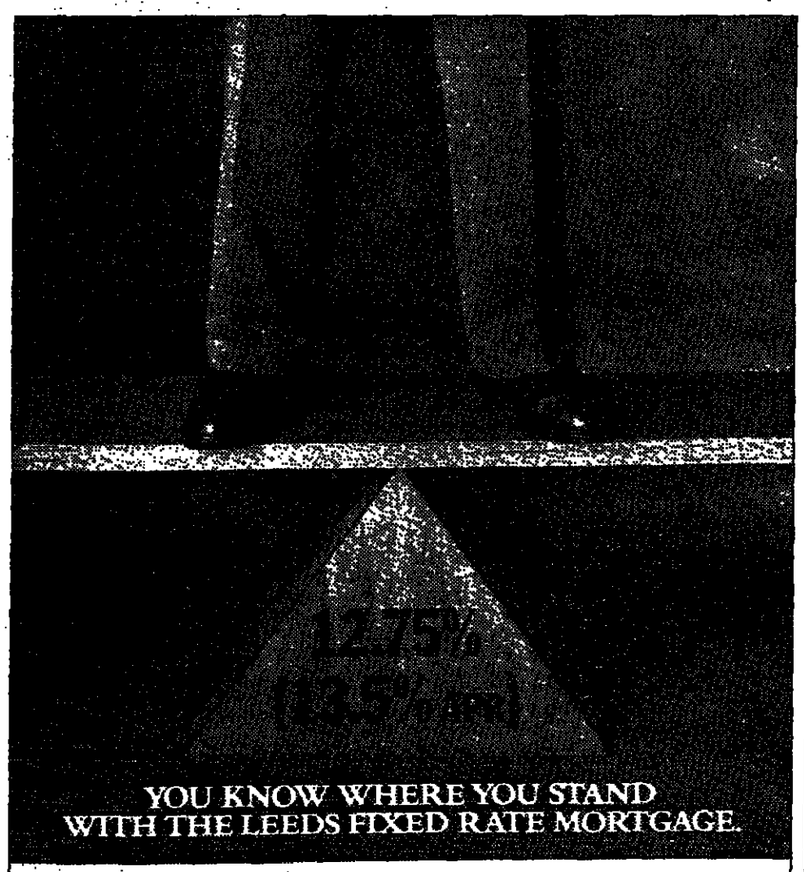
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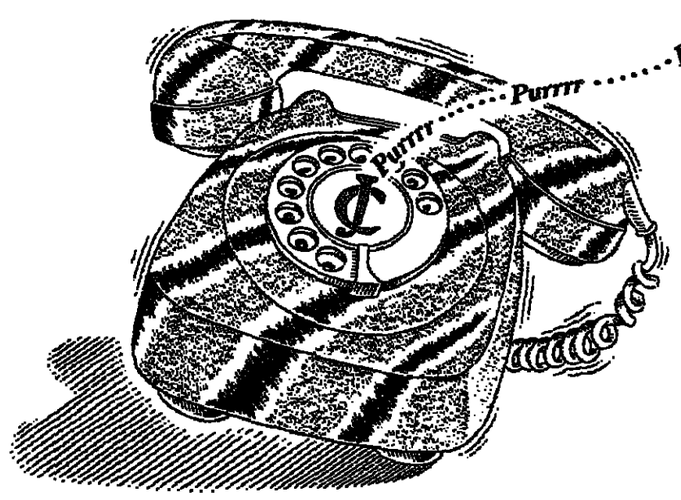
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Abbey loses the Mickey habit

Mickey Mouse has been booted out by the Abbey National. Now the Abbey's 1 million young savers will be enroled in the Action Savers Club, which has its own Action Savers Kids.

Abbey was paying around £50,000 for the use of Mickey and friends and did not feel this was money well spent. Now the twice-yearly magazine will concentrate on things to do, with discount vouchers for theme parks and zoos.

Bronze, silver and gold certificates are on offer to savers who reach certain targets. Those already in the Young Savers Club will be sent an Action pack introducing the Kids — Tom, Nikki, Jo, Anna and Dudley the dog.

Perhaps the timing of the relaunch of the childrens' account is a little insensitive, as most of these children will still be waiting for their 5.8 per cent pay-out due as part of the flotation. Others missed out entirely as their parents' names had been entered on their accounts as trustees and the fruits of flotation went to the parents — as long as they did not already have an account of their own.

But all should soon be resolved. Letters are going out to about 100,000 parents in 10 days, explaining how children were either wrongly excluded from the cash payment or sent shares when they should have been eligible for the payment.

Any parent who does not receive a letter, but feels that the account has been wrongly designated in his name when it was intended to be in the child's name, should write to the Abbey's head office in Baker Street, London.

On November 3 payments should be deposited into childrens' accounts and those of adults who had less than £100 in them last December 31.

Vivien Goldsmith

There is a wealth of schemes to start children on the savings ladder, with one building society even offering an incentive if the baby is signed up before its first birthday.

Most banks and building societies give a pack of goodies to the child when an account is opened. For Bath Investment Building Society (interest at 7.35 per cent) it is a money-box in the shape of a rabbit, owl or hedgehog, while the Bristol & West (6.4 per cent) has badges, balloons and Snoopy cardboard cut-outs.

Some societies go further. The Ipswich (6.95 per cent) offers a discount card for local shops in its Barney Owl account along with a badge, gift pack and money box.

For the young child, the Portman's Young Generation makes a birthday gift in itself. A colouring book, crayons, and abadge come along with a calendar. The Frome Selwood Permanent, based near Bath, not only pays a healthy 9.75 per cent interest, it gives a bonus of £5 if the child is less than a year old when he or she is signed up.

Many societies send cards to children on their birthdays and at Christmas. Among these are the Birmingham Midshires, Bradford & Bingley, Chesham Clay Cross Benefit (8 per cent), Frome Selwood Permanent, Furness (8.9 per cent), Market Harborough (7.9 per cent), Peckham (8.75 per cent), Cheshire-based Vernon and Woolwich Equitable. Some do both, such as the Bath Investment (7.35 per cent), Derbyshire, Halifax, Loughborough Permanent and Tipton & Coseley (8.4 per cent).

There are several incentives around to build up a child's savings. When savings reach £15 with the Clydesdale Bank (7.83 per cent), there is a money-box for children under seven years old and a rucksack and jacket, together with a project file, for those over seven.

When the Midland's No 1 account (7.25 per cent) reaches £25, the youngster has the choice of a free leisure bag and T-shirt or radio.

Saving certificates are issued when £50, £100 and £150 are reached with the Bertie Bibs account of the Bath Investment (7.35 per cent), while the Chesham Clay Cross gives a fountain pen when £50 is achieved and a sweatshirt at the £100 mark with its Young Savers account.

The Mansfield (6.25 per cent) adds cash sums when various stages of the account are reached: £1 at £25 and £2.50 at £50, £100, £250 and £500 intervals.

Conal Gregory

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■ New savings accounts and higher interest are on the cards from two building societies. Birmingham Midshires (Tel 0902 713412) has unveiled an interest-bearing cash card account which taps into the LINK cash machine network. Town & Country (Tel 01-353 1476) has launched a Classic account which it claims pays the best rate of interest available from a building society at the moment. For a minimum investment of £25,000, savers get a net rate of 11.5 per cent.

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■ Undervalued assets in America have much to offer, according to Laurentian Unit Trust Management, which launches a new trust on Monday. Minimum investment is £500, initial charges 6 per cent, and there is an annual charge of 1.5 per cent. Anyone investing more than £1,000 earns a 1 per cent bonus. Tel 01-828 6123.

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The director of the Isle of Man's investment watchdog, the Financial Supervision Commission, has resigned. Mr Mark Solly remains officially in the post until the end of the year but has already joined international accountants, Moore Stephens.

Eastern bloc tempts the adventurous

Private investors can now move their investments into the red. They can invest in the new Bermuda-based European Project Investment Trust, to be launched this month, that is placing cash in Eastern bloc countries.

Backed by a consortium of five banks, the trust will allow investors to tap into markets such as Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Poland and Hungary, while spreading their risk through Western European countries. Only 10 per cent of the capital will be invested in Eastern Europe. Tyndall, the UK fund management group, has joined forces with West Germany's Vereinsbank, Banque Vontovel in Switzerland, Crédit Lyonnais in France, and Banif, a Spanish fund manager.

"Eastern Europe will add the spice," said Mr Jim Mellon, the Tyndall director who dreamed up the idea. "There is huge potential, no competition and prices are low."

The new trust will offer small investors a way into Tyndall's Emerging Eastern Europe Fund (£3), launched this week. While this promises impressive returns — as high as 44 per cent in US dollars in its first year — it is only open to institutional investors. The European Project Trust will allow more adventurous individuals to spread their holdings on the Continent.

The risk of turmoil in Eastern bloc countries might leave some investors rather uneasy, but with the bulk of their money invested closer to home, the downside is small.

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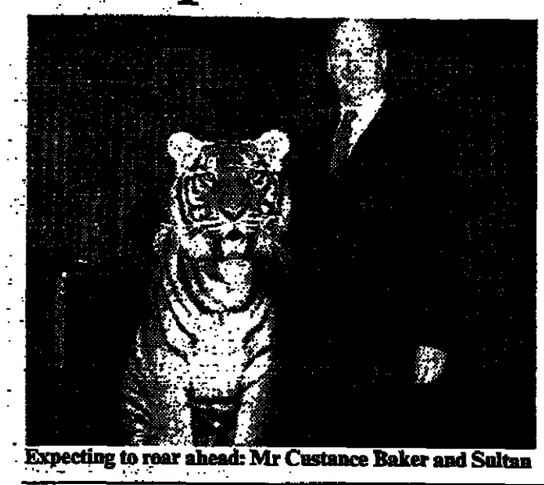
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FAMILY MONEY

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Expecting to roar ahead: Mr Custance Baker and Sultan

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The James Capel fund will track the index by making an investment of about 18 per cent of its cash in each of the Department of Trade and Industry "approved" markets of Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand and 9 per cent each in South Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines.

About 130 shares will be bought to track the index. This structure, he maintained, would give "greatly reduced risk" although checking back on past figures showed that between 1986 and 1989 it would have outperformed the sector average by about 180 per cent.

Although the Far Eastern markets are highly volatile, the markets do not usually move in line, so a balanced portfolio should make for a less bumpy ride.

Richard Newell spots familiar names paying high interest in tax havens

Banking sense offshore

Non-taxpayers who have an interest-bearing current account are paying unnecessary tax — unless they have an offshore account.

Most British banks operate subsidiaries in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man which can pay interest gross.

They offer basic banking services to expatriates and anyone who wants an offshore account. The offshore high-interest cheque accounts (Hicas) followed the lead from onshore equivalents.

They were pioneered in Britain by Robert Fleming, the banker, in conjunction with Save & Prosper,its subsidiary. Now the idea has been taken up off-shore where a large deposit can bring a cheque book and services like standing orders and direct debits, with interest paid gross — now at about 13 per cent.

It is the interest that is the key service. The banking is a secondary consideration. The people who have used offshore Hicas have traditionally been expatriates or British residents with large overseas earnings on which they do not want to pay British tax.

But it is an ideal home for cash for non-taxpayers. Married couples considering their finances in the light of independent taxation from April can shelter sums now.

If the husband holds the bulk of the couple's savings and the wife has no earned income, then by putting money into an offshore account now in the wife's name, the interest will roll up tax-free and can be repatriated in the next tax year without paying tax on sums which come under the personal tax allowance. Butif tax-payers bring the money from a Hica back into Britain, they are obliged to pay the tax on it.

Like domestic interest-bearing accounts, the higher the deposit, the higher the rate of interest. Sums over £50,000 attract the top rates. Most accounts impose a minimum deposit and a minimum balance, under which an account will attract little or no interest. If you do not think you can keep the balance above £1,000, then this account is probably not for you. The banks will not charge you for the privilege of depositing your money, but they profit by investing it at high rates. If you want to use an offshore Hica as a normal current account you won't find the arrangement particularly flexible. Most of the accounts restrict the number of transactions you can make in any one quarter. Some will insist that you cannot withdraw less than £250 at a time. And although there are no charges as such, you may have to pay for your cheque book (eg. £10.50 with a Lombard Bank, a NatWest subsidiary).

If the account is used more frequently than the bank lays down, there will be extra charges. For instance, the TSB allows six debit entries per quarter, after which they cost one pound each.

Cash machine cards are a standard issue with all the leading offshore banks, allowing withdrawal of a maximum of £500 a day. The majority do not, however, issue cheque guarantee cards. Overdrafts are not generally available.

Some banks have incentives tied in with their Hicas. For example, a Midland Bank offshore Hica via its Jersey or Cayman Islands branches attracts bonus units in Midland Bank unit trusts.

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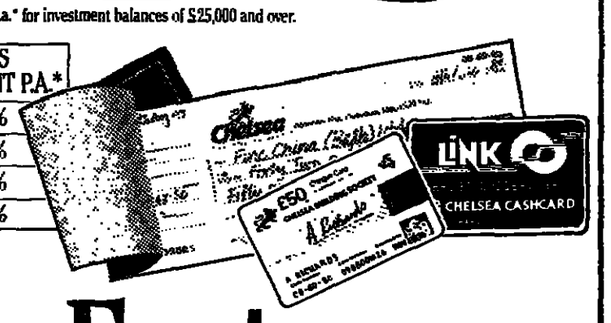
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Thousands of married women could find themselves paying smaller national insurance contributions provided they take action now, according to Mr Tony Newton, the Social Security Secretary.

He gave a warning that married women paying the "half-stamp" contribution might be better off paying the full rate now that the £1 billion cut in contributions has taken effect.

Not only would their contributions be lower on the full rate but they would be building up entitlements to benefits including, possibly, their own state pension, he said.

Up to 400,000 married women are still paying the half-stamp, a reduced national insurance rate for those who preferred to rely on their husbands for pension and sickness benefits.

The option to pay the half-rate was withdrawn in 1977, but those already paying it were allowed to continue.

In this year's Budget, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, announced £980 million-worth of national insurance cuts, designed to benefit 19 million workers by £3 a week.

Although the standard NI rate is being reduced, the half-stamp rate will be unaltered.

"Some women, particularly those on low wages, may find that if they switched to the standard rate they would pay lower contributions, he said."

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Champagne set for corking price increases

This year's vintage in Champagne, which closed at the end of September, should send wine investors reaching for the spring and summer lists before either higher prices come along or a shortage makes it impossible to track down.

Usually the UK champagne trade raises prices once a year, starting with the Moët-Mercier-Veuve Clicquot group in January. It is without precedent, according to one Midlands merchant, to have two increases within nine months, but that is what has happened.

Most shippers raised prices by 5 per cent to 6 per cent in the early part of the year, and have now done so again: on July 31 for Moët by 8 per cent and on Dom Pérignon by 8.5 per cent, on August 1 for Louis Roederer Cristal by 6 per cent, on September 1 for Bollinger Grande Année by 6 per cent and the RD by 3.75 per cent, and from October 1 for Laurent-Perrier by 5 per cent.

Several *grandes marques*, as the leading export houses are known, have tried to be selective in the increases. Mr Teddy Davis, who represents the house of Krug, has increased the price Grande Cuvée — a fine blend of several vintages with great elegance — by 12 per cent, but has resisted raising prices on the rest of the range.

Joseph Perrier and Taittinger have said no increases will take place this year but steep rises are likely in early 1990.

Although it takes three to five years for the wines of one harvest to reach the British market, the steep rise in grape price last month is bound to have a severe impact. The price of grapes classified as 100 per cent quality was fixed at 26.77 French francs (£2.60) per kilo — a 13.28 per cent rise on the 1988 price of Ff23.65. Severe frosts in late April cut the crop by some 20 per cent. The authorities have allowed up to 10.5 tonnes of grapes per hectare (2.4 acres) to be picked, although an additional 20 per cent can be authorized on individual request.

The stock position is crucial, since the 1989 harvest is likely to yield the equivalent of 274 million bottles. Since the Champagne houses need three years' stocks, there is a deficit.

Sales in the first six months have exceeded 100 million bottles and last year achieved 237 million in all. Miss Philippa Woods, buying manager for Lay and Wheeler of Colchester, Essex, says that magnums of Lanson are already unavailable. Larger-size bottles always fetch a premium at auction.

Her firm is holding as many prices as possible until its new list appears on November 1, but it has already had to increase the price of Roederer Cristal 1983 from £42.40 to £45.75 per bottle including VAT.

Mr John Casson of Henry Townsend Wines is only raising prices when new stocks are purchased.

He recommends the distinctive style of Bruno Paillard, whose 1979 vintage is still available at £16.50.

With more small farmers trying their hand at Champagne production, the houses must raise prices. Investors should look particularly for the 1979, 1981 and 1983 vintages. Krug, Bollinger, Dom Ruinart, and Dom Pérignon are much sought after, as are Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, Roederer Cristal and the new rich 1983 Veuve Clicquot.

Conal Gregory

When health insurance buys medicine for minds

Lindsay Knight meets one of the counsellors who treat the mental effects of long-term illness

JULIAN HERBERT



Welcome support: Anne Poole (centre) counsels blinded Douglas Robertson and his wife

Most people choose to ignore the prospect of long-term or permanent illness, yet it is far more common than is realized. One in five working men and women will be off sick for longer than three months, and many of them may never be fit enough to work again.

State benefits alone will never make up for the loss of income, so standards of living are often drastically cut.

One solution is income protection through permanent health insurance (PHI). The largest market is still in companies and groups, but self-employed people are also beginning to recognize the need.

The dire effects of illness and disability are not just financial, however. There are emotional and social difficulties too. People who fall ill often suffer from lack of professional advice and emotional support in overcoming these problems which the general practioner and social services would offer if they had the time.

Recognizing this unmet need, NEL Britannia, a market leader in PHI, decided two years ago to set up an "after care service" employing six counsellors to work with their 4,700 claimants around the country. These counsellors are all trained nurses who have undertaken a specialized counselling course at Edinburgh University.

It is common for sick people to lose all confidence in themselves and to withdraw from the world. "They decide they can't ever work again and tend to look on PHI as some form of early retirement scheme," says Miss Anne Poole, NEL Britannia's first disability counsellor.

But she stresses that she is there "to help, to give support to claimants, and to sort out the benefits and statutory help to which they are entitled.

"It is also very important to help people towards rehabilitation and to regain their self-esteem," she adds.

Miss Poole looks after about 850 claimants over a wide area — London, Middlesex, Surrey, Hampshire, Kent, Sussex, the Isle of Wight and Northern Ireland. She is on the road four days a week, visiting three or four claimants a day.

The initial visit is always an assessment of the person and their needs and the help Miss Poole can offer. She advises people on coming to terms with prolonged illness or disability. Return visits are made about every two months. One claimant in her forties, living in a south London suburb, suffered a major stroke. She could no longer work as a receptionist and her husband had to change his style of working as well, so that he could devote more time to her.

Without financial help from PHI, they could not have afforded to pay their mortgage or to fund their daughter's wedding. They speak warmly of Miss Poole's support: "She is a real friend to us."

Much of this support was advice about state benefits such as mobility allowance and invalidity benefit. The claimant can now walk, slowly, but she still has little confidence in herself and spends a lot of time on her own at home.

Miss Poole has encouraged her to join a local club and to take up driving again, helping her to acquire a disabled driver's licence. But she has yet to be persuaded to use it.

Miss Poole's next step is to have the claimant assessed by the local Employment Rehabilitation Centre, a government agency which the council uses a great deal. Another important aspect of counselling is persuading companies to employ someone who is disabled. There is still considerable prejudice even though disabled people have a very good work record. The person's own company may need help in understanding that their employee can return, though perhaps only part-time or to a different job.

Mr Douglas Robertson, who is in his early forties and almost totally blind after two cycling accidents — neither of them his fault — was unable, for obvious reasons, to keep his job with the RAC. He is a cheerful, optimistic man with "an intense desire to be as normal as possible."

He has welcomed Miss Poole's advice and aids for blind people, and just the fact of her "being there," offering support. Over the past year he has attended a special college for blind people where he is studying piano tuning and repairs, plus business studies, and hopes to set up his own business.

Grocery campaign means sweet donations to Unicef

Since the summer, food manufacturers have been following in the footsteps of credit card companies, polishing their corporate image and increasing sales by contributing to charity.

Unicef announced this week that it raised £168,000 from its grocery campaign, which enticed many consumers to purchase products of the participating companies. But the scheme was different from "charity cards," since the contributions to Unicef were pre-set.

That meant that, no matter how many Cadbury bars, shredded wheat or Perrier water were sold, Unicef got the same amount.

A spokesman for the charity said the labels — "purchase of this product supports Unicef" — were referring to indirect rather than direct support.

"The idea was to get people to help the companies which are helping us," he explained.

Credit card schemes, by contrast, usually make their contributions dependent on usage of their product — every time a credit card is used, another few pennies go to charity.

The food companies that participated in the Unicef campaign were Cadbury, Express Foods with its range of Eden Vale products, Ski yoghurts and Munch Bunch, Master Foods with Dolmio pasta sauces and Uncle Ben's rice, Perrier, Smith's Crisps and Shredded Wheat.

Nearly all the big food retailers in Britain — with the exception of Tesco — also participated in the Unicef scheme, though they had a much lower profile.

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Phantoms of the seaside

UNTIL THIS WEEK I had never observed the Labour Party at the seaside. Its conference opened with a surprise — a theme from *Phantom of the Opera* by the Master of Tory Music. Otherwise it was business as expected. From my window each day before breakfast I could see the hallowed photo opportunities at the edge of the water on the beach, but this year no leader fell in. Hanging about the lobby of the Grand Hotel on Monday I spotted Roy Hattersley going to lunch (where else?); Robin Cook perched on one leg like a snoozing pink flamingo; Lord Longford looking lost; and Barbara Castle making the entrance of a theatrical dame — less imperious than Dame Edith, less vigorous than Dame Sybil, closer to Dame Anna Neagle in one of her frail but courageous roles, Odette Churchill perhaps, topped off with the red hair of Dame Anna's more skittish Nell Gwynn.

After Kinnock's speech on Tuesday the mood changed. Suddenly the lobby filled out and the Grand was hosting a moderately successful first night — notices still not out. Jim Callaghan came up from the farm, John Prescott took his lighter image for a stroll, and Gerald Kaufman, Labour's entertainment buff, complained that there was no new musical or movie in town apart from *sex, lies and videotape*, which he slyly compared to any Party Conference.

Kaufman, like John Smith, was surrounded by a fleet of aides murmuring: "Yes, Shadow Minister." Peter Shore sidled to the bar for a lager as Keith Waterhouse and I were sharing some bubbles. He muttered pettishly: "Some people have something to celebrate, others just drink champagne."

I hailed a retired BBC man down to do a little light interviewing as "Robin Day, the writer". "Author," he corrected, which prompted the journalist, David Bradley, to recall a Blackpool conference five years ago when the new knight told an old story. Sir Robin's opening sentence had been: "A man said to me, 'Mr Day', as I then was . . ."

I was concerned there might be scandal after one lunch, when a delegate at the next table ordered *prostituo e melone*; but he will do well at the Foreign Office if Labour exceeds its expectations.

In 1905, looking down on the House of Commons, a friend of Keir Hardie remarked how few members of the working class sat below. "Yes," said Hardie, "it will take the British working man 20 years to learn to elect his equals to represent him. And it will take him another 20 years not to elect his equals."

THE SOCIAL progress of Brighton has been irregular since its first mention in the Domesday Book, when a rent of 4,000 herrings was paid to Earl Godwin, who obviously had no intention of dying of heart disease. The posh part came with Prinny and the building of the Pavilion, now encased again in scaffolding, as it has been since the ravages of the Great Storm.

"Shut up", Byron wrote, "not the king but the pavilion/or else it will cost us all another million."

Heaven knows what the repairs come to today. Queen Victoria gave the town the thumbs down and, with the advent of the railway, it became the brash, extravagant mixture of vulgarity and faded elegance that it is today.

However, adjoining Hove still aspires to gentility and good health. When Terence Rattigan lived there he said: "The view might not be as good as Ischia but the air is a damn site better."

For years its socially conscious citizens, when asked if they live in Brighton, have had a stock reply: "Hove, actually." Now some accommodating entrepreneur has brought out a special issue of seaside rock which spells it out all through the length of the stick: "Hove, actually."

IT WAS A FINE day for the races. There were long queues at the Tote windows. The sun lit the white Tattersall Stand across the course, and a few horses galloped by to the start. The bookies rubbed out and altered the odds as the horses went by, their hooves padding like boxing gloves on the turf . . .

If you think my prose is improving you are not wrong. That first paragraph is Graham Greene. Pinky went to the races in *Brighton Rock* and so did the actors in *Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell*, chaperoned by Mr Bernard and Mr O'Toole, who both breathe racing.

Jeffrey has foresworn making a book since they got him for evading betting tax in the Coach and Horses. However, we have a conscientious cast, and using the thorough rehearsal methods of Mike Leigh, they wanted to research betting with Jeff as bookie, and experience everything up to but not including his arrest.

While O'Toole went off to place grown-up bets, we gave our pounds and fivers to Honest Jeff.

Bernard has his own way of tempting trainee punters to back a doubtful animal, a string of beckoning phrases: "Although Moonwarrior hasn't been placed for two years, I hear he is improving rapidly . . . I don't know why you are choosing Pussyfoot . . . Cotton on Quick will sew it up . . . I can't understand why intelligent people around this table are ignoring Pink Pumpkin . . . There's only one horse in this race, you can forget the rest . . . they shouldn't bother to open the [adjective] stalls for the other [nouns] . . . This race was designed by the Jockey Club to give Otterburn a nice afternoon . . ." and my favourite: "Ridgiduct is trained at Melton Mowbray. What I want to know is, why has he sent it such a long way?"

As it says in the play, "people shouldn't listen to people, should they?"



Eventually we rumbled that Jeff hadn't even bothered to lay off our bets until Keith Waterhouse did Alysardi in the fifth race. Seeing our commission agent now hastening towards the big bookies we all backed it, too. We all won.

Jeff summed it up: "Inside the last furlong, that horse was doing handsprings. As they say in Yorkshire, it was catching pigeons!"

In the last race Waterhouse collected £80 on Harken Premier ridden by Brian Rouse, the first jockey we had seen on our arrival. Betting on such a person is an old racing superstition. It certainly spoilt Jeff's game plan. Our turf accountant's final word was a vivid verdict on racecourse waitresses (those at Brighton excepted): "A torrent of talcum powder cascades over your roast lamb."

As we were leaving, a strange woman in a trilby hat shouted at me: "Are you still living with Mary Knox-Johnston near Biggin Hill?" I am not and never have been, which will come as a relief to Ms Knox-Johnston.

LAST WEEK we witnessed several *au revoirs* to Louis Benjamin, for more than a decade the moving force behind the Stoll-Moss theatre-owning group. At Drury Lane there gathered producers who ranged from senior — Sir Peter Saunders and Harold Fielding — to young and charismatic — Cameron Mackintosh and Robert Fox; stars in all sizes, from Victor Spinetti (large) to Tommy Steele (medium) and Ronnie Corbett (small); and assorted directors (Robert Nesbitt), writers (Jeffrey Archer), agents (Bill Cotton Jr) and TV moguls (Brian Tesler), to wish him a long and happy consultancy.

One ambition — to challenge Sam Goldwyn as an apposite phrase-maker — has eluded him. Let me put the evidence on Louis's behalf. When a colleague inspected an out-of-town show booked for the Globe, Benjamin asked: "What's it like?"

"Another black comedy."

"Do all the actors have to be black?"

Later he enthused to Jack Tinker about his forthcoming musical, *Windy City*, "the first big all-English musical ever". Tinker pointed out that it was based on the American play *The Front Page*, to be directed by an American, Burt Shevelove, book and lyrics by the American Dick Vosburgh. Shown Carl Toms's first white cardboard mock-up of the set, Louis offered: "Does it *have* to be white?" When I met him at the first night of a maladroit tribute to the great lyricist E.Y. Harburg, which was nearly to destroy Harburg's reputation in this country, he said: "When I put up the money I thought it was Romberg."

FRANCES EDMONDS

If I were...

If I were Pope John Paul II, I would be contemplating the impact of the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent visit to Rome. Thumbing through the British press, I would be delighted to learn how much Dr Runcie's "papal supremacy" and "self-righteous Pharisee" comments have done for Christian unity. Who else, I would ask, could possibly have achieved such a miracle — the Queen and Mrs Thatcher in agreement for once?

My mind would turn to prayer. Lord, I would ask, who is strong enough to safeguard man's spiritual welfare from the temptations of meretricious materialism? Who is brave enough to save society from its soulless slither into secularization? And who is potty enough to accept "universal primacy" of any congregation which includes Ian Paisley?



. . . Pope John Paul II

Sadly, my thoughts would move from the internecine strife of the Anglican Communion to the Roman Catholic church's often strained relations with the Jewish congregation. With this in mind I would telephone the Polish Primate, Cardinal Glemp, and tell him that God's will for unity is not limited to Christians alone. I would apprise him of the damage his intransigent insensitivity is doing to Judaeo-Christian understanding. Having insisted that he close the Carmelite convent in Auschwitz immediately, I would then organize a long-overdue visit to Jerusalem as a gesture of reconciliation.

Only then would I ponder the contradictions inherent in my own personality: the brilliantly charismatic, PR-conscious showman in public: the rigid, unilluminated reactionary in private. Contemplating the recent pro-democracy developments in Poland, I would decide that *glasnost* must at last penetrate the theological gloom of the Vatican. To this end, I would pray for the compassion and humanity of a much-loved predecessor, Pope Paul VI. I would be more understanding with priests's requests to be laicized, and with marriage annulments.

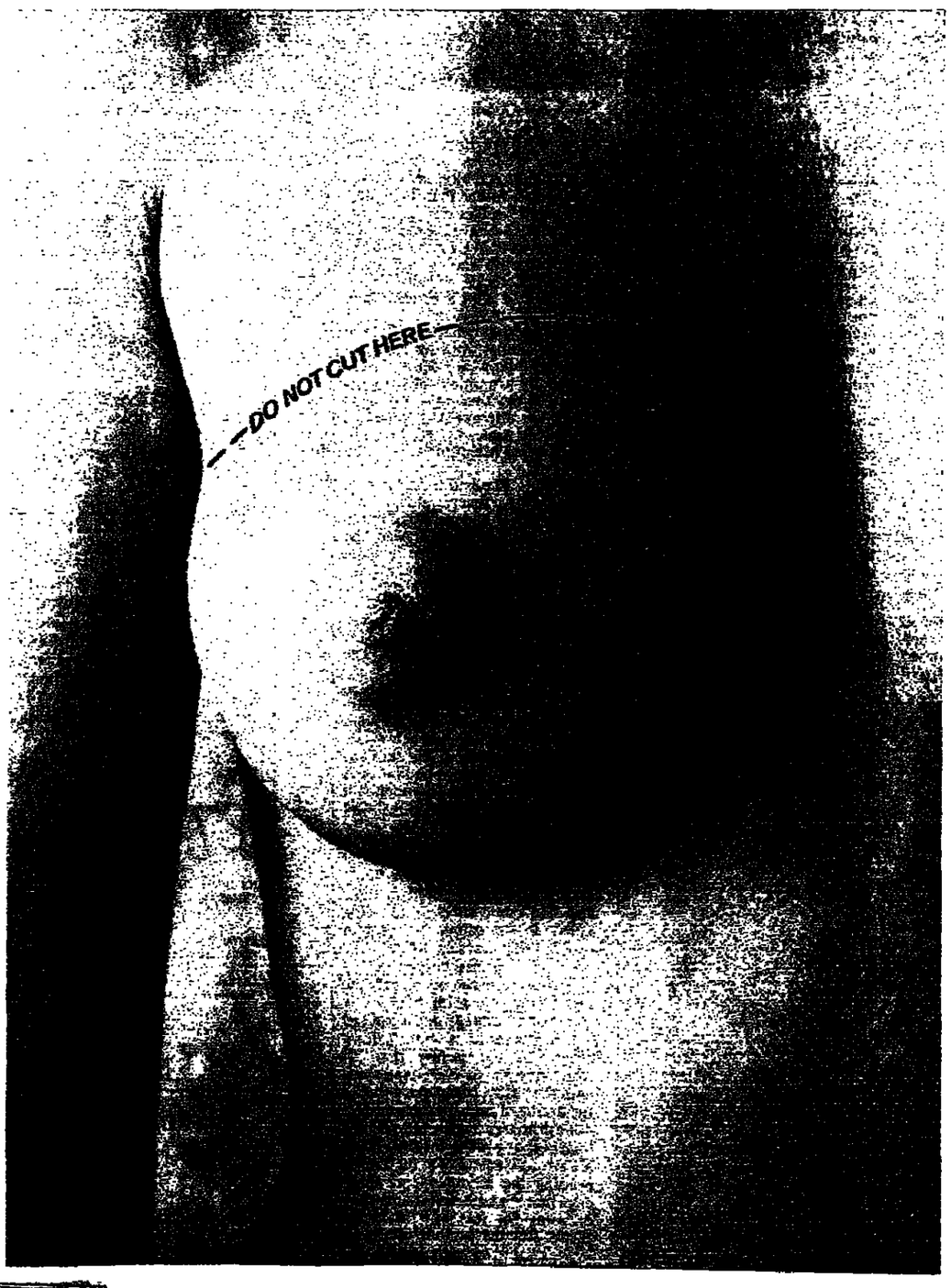
Then I would concede that Third World poverty is being further exacerbated by the birth control injunctions propagated by my "Men Only" club. I would accept that my intractable behaviour towards honourable academics and theologians has been misguided. And in future I would welcome any honest quest for the truth instead of consistently trying to stifle it.

Finally, I would sack my Polish kitchen cabinet, convert the *Curia* and accept the inexorability of women's ordination. Happy to have seen the light in the end, I would then pray for my successor, whoever she may be.

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FACE TO FACE

Busy being someone different

Antony Sher, actor, writer and painter, is a marginally happier man these days. William Leith finds out why



Antony Sher: "Pretending to be other people, rather than myself, was a good cure for my shyness. I think you become an actor because you are not happy with who you are"

Photograph by Graham Wood

Antony Sher is a difficult man to recognize. He comes towards you, shoulders hunched, looking at his feet. You assume it's somebody Antony Sher has sent to tell you he will be late. "My *friends* don't recognize me," he says, employing a careful shrug. "One of my closest friends walked past me the other day. He didn't notice me. Then he said, *'My God, it's you! You look like a* coconut with glasses.' "

This is the physical manifestation of a mental state that Sher has been in most of his life. He doesn't really recognize himself. He tells you this all the time. "My book *Middlepost* is autobiographical," he says. "It's about not really knowing who I am." His movement and gestures are minimal, designed not to draw attention. "I went into acting because I wasn't sure who I was. Being other people seemed like a good solution."

Sher, of course, has good reason to feel insecure about his identity. He's Jewish but he doesn't feel like a Jew. Except for sometimes. He's South African but he hates South Africa. But when he goes there he can feel all his old prejudices seeping back. He's gay but he has spent most of his life keeping quiet *about it. But now he thinks it's* important to be open, to come out of the closet. He is just about to publish a book of his paintings. But he doesn't think of himself as an artist. He's about to start work on a second novel. His first, *Middlepost*, is doing well in paperback. And he's about to play the lead role in a new play, Peter Flannery's *Singer*, which opens at Stratford-upon-Avon on Wednesday.

"Why do I do all these things?" he says. "It's definitely not from confidence. It's a kind of recklessness born out of insecurity. It sounds pretentious but . . . I'm in mid-air so I might as well fly in these different directions. There, I said it would sound pretentious."

Sher sits quite still as he talks in the Dirty Duck, opposite the RSC theatre in Stratford. "I remember thinking when I started to write my novel — why on earth am I trying to do this thing that I clearly can't do? I have a successful career as an actor — why put myself through all this?

"I had it again when I was writing this film. It will be shown on the BBC in a few months' time. It's about the First World War. It's called *Keeping Step*. So why do I do all this? It's something to do with feeling isolated."

While Sher is explaining all this, *two of his friends walk past. One is* Terry Hands. The other is John Barton. Neither of them fully recognizes him. They just give him a quizzical look and carry on. "Oh!" says Barton. "*I never would* have guessed. Is it the hair? My God, you can transform yourself."

Sher's identity crisis started early. As a boy growing up in Sea Point, a suburb of Cape Town, he saw *himself* as a loner who was different from the others, who didn't have what it took. What it took was sporting ability.

"It's a very outdoor place," says Sher. "I was an introverted kid. I was shy, lonely. What I could do was draw and paint. I was something of a child prodigy, in a *small-time way." But he didn't* think he came up to the expectations of his father, a hide importer. "I think he would have preferred to have had a son who could excel on the sports field."

The teenage Sher, who was gay but had no one to talk to about it, who was good at painting but wasn't appreciated for it, took up acting as a kind of therapy. "Pretending to be other people, rather than myself, was a good cure for my shyness. I think this is true for a lot of people — you become an actor because you are not happy with who you are."

The next *thing* Sher did affected him more than anything else in his life. He left South Africa to study drama at the Webber-Douglas School in England. When he arrived his identity crisis had deepened. He had all of his usual *psychological baggage — the* Jewishness, the homosexuality, the crippling shyness. But now he had guilt as well.

"I was, and felt like, a South African," he says, in an accent that is almost, but not quite, English. "And I felt that the English saw me as personally responsible for what was going on there."

Listening to Sher, you can tell how much he hates South Africa in the way that he has ruthlessly forced it out of his voice. Occasionally it cowers in the tail-end of a vowel or in the way he changes gear between words. This is something he has worked hard on.

"I tried to lose it as quickly as possible and I created a whole new identity for myself. I didn't come from Cape Town — I came from Hampstead. I invented a whole history for myself. But it all collapsed when people asked me 'What school did you go to?' "

These problems gained in intensity. Sher's acting was fine — he played Ringo in *John, Paul, George, Ringo . . . and Bert.* He was in *Teeth and Smiles* and *The Glad Hand.* He had less difficulty pretending to be other people. It was himself he had the trouble with. "I felt a growing sense of isolation," he says, looking down at the table. "When I moved to this country I was excited at the challenges ahead. I didn't mind cutting myself off from my family and my roots. Then I began to mind. It was quite difficult to deal with. I miss the fact that I have no history I can reach out and touch in this country. It's quite a strange feeling having nothing of my life before the age of 22 around me. And my family are angry about my attitude to South Africa."

Sher hates his family's attitude to South Africa. It is the attitude he had when he was younger. "Everybody believed the blacks were second-class citizens, including the blacks themselves," he says. "Life was just wonderful and nobody questioned it. But the mistake my family made was forgetting that they had been persecuted themselves.

"My grandfather was a Lithuanian pedlar and had to escape during the pogroms. This is what *Middlepost* is about. But my family feel grateful to South Africa. They won't leave. They have done what everybody does — they have become as bad as their persecutors."

As time went on, Sher made his feelings about South Africa more public. Two years ago, he led an RSC actors' protest against a South African diplomat's presence at the theatre on Shakespeare's birthday. Sher was asked to make a speech. "I hate making speeches," he says, "because you have to stand up and be yourself. But I couldn't let this happen. Not on Shakespeare's birthday."

Sher still sees his parents. But he has a rule: no political talk. This means he can avoid the embarrassing shouting-matches they used to have. But he gives an example of how bad things are, even now. *Middlepost* was recently put on the short-list for a South African literary award. Sher got a call about it from his mother.

She had bought a new dress, she said, because — guess what! — she and Antony's father had been invited to accept the award in Antony's absence. Perhaps she could give a little speech if Antony won? "I'm sorry," said Sher, "but it's all been arranged. The speech has been written and it's political — you won't feel comfortable.

"As far as she was concerned, I was just spoiling a wonderful occasion," he says. "She did a strange thing which she's never done before — she pretended there was something wrong with the phone and slammed it down."

Sher's feelings about his parents are shown by his paintings of them in his book *Characters*. He feels ambivalent. He depicts his mother, dripping with jewellery, a cigarette-holder in her nail-varnished hand, the reflection of a black man in her sunglasses.

In the early 1980s Sher turned to psychotherapy. "That feeling of not liking myself," he says, "the feeling which had probably led to me being an actor, was becoming intolerable and needed sorting out." So he went to see Monty Berman, shrink to the stars. The first session was terrifying. Sher was asked to talk for a minute on all the things he liked about himself. He couldn't. "I just sat silently," he says. "I said, look, sorry. I just can't do this. I felt very depressed. I just couldn't do it at all."

Berman persevered. So did Sher. *Eventually it all came out.* "He got me to talk about my childhood, the relationships I had with my family, South Africa itself. This was the opposite of pretending you came from Hampstead." Sher is convinced that out of this therapy emerged the grander therapy of writing *Middlepost* itself. "He didn't exactly tell me to write it, but the sessions gave me the idea," he says.

Post-therapy, post-*Middlepost*, Sher *is*, *he* says, a happier man, at least marginally. He is also open about his homosexuality, something which he had always felt would cause problems. "I suppose it is something I have covered up because of what it might do to my film career," he says. "But now I feel it's very important for gay people in the public eye to come out. It's a really bad time to find out you're gay. I have found McKellen, Cashman and Callow so inspiring that I joined their ranks — damn the film career. If it's going to be affected by that, then it isn't worth doing."

Just now, Sher is busier than usual. He has the role of Singer to perfect, and is at the stage of walking like Singer, trying on accents and postures. Singer is based on the crooked property-developer Perec Rachman; *Singer* is all about how the persecuted need revenge. It fits in nicely with Sher's views on South Africa too. In the play, Singer tracks down one of his guards from Auschwitz. "Singer needs to confront someone who has done this to him," says Sher. "So do the black people in South Africa. They have to have a confrontation, a fight."

Sher is already at the stage of deep character-identification, of seeing the world through Singer's eyes. "The play is like the South African situation," he says. "It's about damage and healing."

Singer is an evil character, not least because he exploits homeless blacks. "He's not totally bad," says Sher. "In fact a lot of blacks were grateful to Rachman. At least he exploited them. The others were too racist to exploit them. Or perhaps I'm just too involved with my character here. I feel I have to defend him."

The process has begun. Sher is slipping into a new identity.

Bonington's deadly affair

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pushed progressively further, particularly on the peaks above the magic height of 8,000 metres.

Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler made the first ascent of Everest without oxygen in 1979. Two years later Messner went on to climb the mountain solo, again without oxygen. Since then there have been several such ascents, including that of the British climber Stephen Venables in 1988, but the accident toll has also been high, with frost-bite in many instances, and a high proportion of fatal accidents.

In autumn 1988, four of Czechoslovakia's best climbers made the second ascent of the south-west face of Everest, climbing alpine style without oxygen. They had three bivouacs above 8,200 metres; one of the team reached the summit, but they were all beginning to suffer from hallucinations and extreme exhaustion and they perished on the way back down to the South Col.

The fastest ascent of Everest was by Erhard Loretan and Jean Troillet in 1986, when they climbed the north face in 40½ hours, moving continuously, lightly laden, with only short stops, to expose themselves for the shortest time possible to the debilitating effects of altitude, and then descending even faster, sliding down on their backsides in just four and a half hours.

These achievements are all remarkable, demanding an extraordinary level of skill and stamina, but I cannot help wondering if something of the romance of pioneering and exploration has been lost with the growing familiarity we have with the world's highest mountains. The same element can be discerned in the European Alps, and even on British rock. Most of the obvious *natural lines have been* climbed, and climbers have sought out new challenges with speed ascents of several great Alpine faces linked by paraglider or even helicopter, all in the space of a few hours.

Rock climbing has seen the growing popularity of formalized competitions on artificial walls, while an increasing number of climbers are concentrating on difficult sections of blank rock, particularly limestone, using expansion bolts for protection in the almost inevitible event of a fall.

The technical ability required is of a very high order but much of the adventure is lost, since the risk level can be minimized at the climber's choice of where he drills a hole and hammers in a bolt. He is no longer limiting himself to the protection offered by wedges or cramming devices placed in cracks, and features that already exist on the surface of the rock.

But there is still a lot of scope for the traditional adventurer. There are complete ranges of unexplored peaks in the 6,000-metre range in Tibet, Bhutan and Sinkiang. There are unclimbed peaks in Antarctica and on the western seaboard of Canada; unclimbed walls in Norway, Spain and other parts of Europe. There are even unclimbed crags tucked away in the north of Scotland.

There is room for so many different approaches to climbing. I am looking forward to next spring and exploring a range of mountains in Tibet which has never been visited by climbers.

It is the fascination of unknown places and unclimbed peaks, combined with the joy of climbing, that still drives me.

● *Chris Bonington's book,* Mountaineer, *is published on October 26 by Hodder & Staughton/Diadem (£17.95).*

Party life and sole

The most recent volume of Tony Benn's Diaries, *Against the Tide*, leaves out a crucial and previously unrecorded week in the history of the Labour Party.

From Friday August 19 to Wednesday August 24, 1976, the Labour Cabinet enjoyed a shared holiday in Frinton. These exclusive missing extracts from the Benn Diaries show just how the Labour Cabinet went about enjoying themselves.

Mr Benn's reactions were memorized, recorded, re-recorded, videoed, dubbed, annotated and given an appropriate musical soundtrack by him each night before he went to bed.

Friday August 19

Jim asked us in the interrogative whether we felt *like* going for a paddle in the sea. I said that in many respects this was a suggestion detrimental to the life-blood of our movement, especially if it was chilly.

Jim ran roughshod over these serious objections and asked what the others thought. They all seemed to think it was a good idea but in private, on the way to the beach, Roy said that he was with me all the way, and he'd much prefer a good tuck-in at the local Hotel Posh, and Fred said he'd never liked swimming and he couldn't understand why Jim had committed the Cabinet to a paddle without first setting up a Paddling Feasibility Study Group under the auspices of the TUC.

On the way to the beach, I encountered an old boy — for 50 years a stalwart of Frinton Labour Party — who was selling ice-creams.

I listened, amazed, as he told me that the ice-cream conglomerates control the market to such an extent that the public is forced to buy more ice-cream in summer than in winter.

Saturday August 20

Spent a hugely enjoyable breakfast re-reading the collected speeches of old Stuffy Hayes, the veteran social campaigner of the 1920s. He was a great prophet, a man before his time.

As early as 1915, in a speech that he made to the Runcorn Co-operative Movement for Temperamental Florists, he predicted that the Chinese would conquer France; and even in 1912 he was warning of the danger this country faces from an armed invasion of enemy cauliflowers.

Those who complain that *these predictions* have not been proved entirely correct, gravely underestimate the power of government to hush things up and sweep them *under the carpet.*

I then drafted the following request to Jim:

Dear Prime Minister,

In my last letter, I made it clear that I would urgently consider your offer to buy me some candy-floss over the course of the present weekend. With regret, I am unable to accept this offer for the reasons included in the enclosed 30-page statement, entitled The Re-distribution of Candy-Floss, *which I trust will be circulated to my Cabinet colleagues forthwith.*

Yours, Tony.

I then handed him this note over the breakfast table, and he hastily scribbled the following reply:

Dear Tony.

I am sorry that you have seen fit not to accept my offer of candy-floss. May I remind you that the other members of my Cabinet have all eaten candy-floss with due gratitude, and may I suggest that your present stand might seriously undermine your position in government.

Yours ever, Jim.

Of course, I realized he was in cahoots with the power-brokers of the floss multinationals.

I was determined to hold out for a Strawberry Mivvi, a formidable ice-lolly with a trenchant ice-cream interior.

Sunday August 21

In the evening, Jim proposed we should have a kick-about with a ball on the beach. I said to him, "I'm sorry, Jim, but do you mean just one ball?"

He said, "Yes, that seems to me quite sufficient."

I corrected him, saying there were 15 of us and we should have at least one ball each. There were no two ways about it.



CRAIG BROWN

He said he had only brought one ball and that was all there was to it. I wrote him a memo declining to have a kick-about on the beach, for reasons stated in my booklet, *A Future For Kick-Abouts.* I think Jim is utterly divorced from grass-roots feeling on matters such as this.

Monday August 22

Roy tells me that Denis thinks that Tony is worried that Shirley feels that Jim distrusts Michael, but I disagree.

I tell Roy that if Denis thought that Tony was worried that Shirley felt that Jim distrusted Michael, then Michael would have every reason to believe that Jim had encouraged Shirley to tell Tony to inform Denis to suggest to Roy that he distrusted Michael, and that this seemed to me to run counter to the professed declaration of the manifesto to concentrate on issues, not personalities. But then, Jim's always been like that . . .

Tuesday August 23

In the afternoon, we visited the Frinton Funfair. I approached a gang of youths with blank expressions on *their faces and a great mass of* hair and began to chat with them in a friendly and forthright manner about the forthcoming policy document to be issued by the International Advisory Committee of the National Study Group of the International Tribunal of the National Executive, and they seemed to listen intently to what I had to say

. But then we were rudely interrupted by Denis Healey, who informed me that these were not youths at all, but coconuts, and would I mind stepping back from the shy so that he could have his ha'pence worth.

I have long clung to the view that too little attention is paid to coconuts at grass roots.

Wednesday August 24

We took luncheon at a fish and chip shop where we all formed a queue.

When it reached my turn the man behind the counter — *in all likelihood a life-long* Labour supporter — said: "And what can I get you, sir?" I said: "That's enough of this 'sir' nonsense, boy. Now, let's study the options." He showed me a menu.

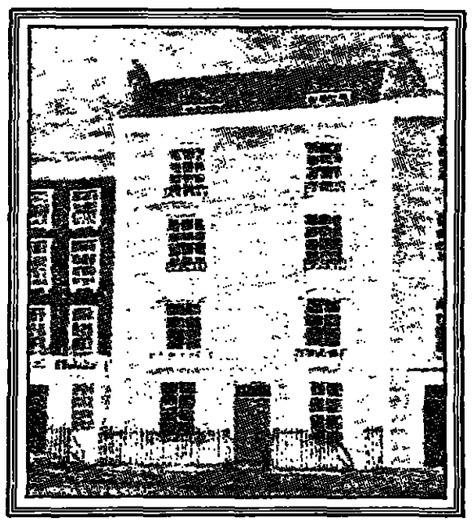
I was fascinated to see there was quite a selection of *different fish* — cod, haddock, plaice and so on. "Y'know, funny business — fish," I said. "Have you ever noticed how you never ever see them swimming around on land?

"Well, of course, that's because the land-owners and the big farmers don't want fish on land, because that might interfere with their vast profits from other foodstuffs. So they give a nod to the Government to keep those fish in the sea, and the Government kow-tows accordingly. Makes y'think, eh?"

By this time, a large queue had formed. "We're all behind you!" one of them shouted at me.

At times like these, it is reassuring to know I have the ordinary people of this country behind me, so I gave them a hearty thumbs-up before plumping for the haddock.

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Tokyo taxi ride to nowhere

Even if you succeed in disguising your western features and fooling a Tokyo cab driver into picking you up, the fun is just beginning, Joe Joseph reports



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Young boys often wonder what it would be like to be the Invisible Man. Adult westerners looking for a cab after a night out in Tokyo often find out. What they discover is that to most Japanese taxi drivers, they do not exist. There are many reasons for this, some intriguing, some cultural, but none quite consoling enough to put you in a forgiving mood.

Of course, Japanese customers moan as well. Of the 2,800 formal complaints lodged in Tokyo last year, about a fifth dealt with drivers' refusal to take a passenger where he wanted to go. Still, at least these would-be passengers got to talk to the cabbie before being spurned. Being ignored altogether is a different matter.

For a start, forget the Invisible Man fantasy. Being invisible doesn't stop you getting run over by drivers who are bemused by the sight of someone waving both arms like a frantic groundsman on an airport runway; and it always means you get home late. Often, it involves both.

Of course, the competition for taxis in Tokyo is fierce. As the hostesses from the bars and restaurants of Tokyo's main night-time haunts in Ginza and Akasaka (these are the businessmen's and politicians' high-priced hotspots), and in Roppongi (the young people's fashionable catwalk), bow their customers out on to the pavements, the battle begins for a taxi ride home. Naturally, the bigwigs slide off in chauffeur-driven black sedans, company flags flapping on the bonnet. Elderly men in dark suits and high spirits are escorted out of executive, £500-a-head dining clubs by young geishas in silky pink kimonos. Sometimes the silky pink kimonos accompany their charges into the back seat of their limousines, presumably to make sure they make it to their front doors in case the chauffeur has forgotten the address. The rest of us take our chances on the pavement.

In a country in which form is only slightly less important than breathing — in some extreme cases, actually more important — the technique for hailing a taxi is important. Shouting or waving is vulgar, and anyway Japanese ears attuned to "Takushi" do not easily recognize the similar, but European, "Taxi", let alone the American "Yo, my man". Instead, stand face on to the traffic. Extending your arm horizontally, gently paddle your fingers to and fro, as if testing the temperature in an imaginary bath installed at shoulder height. Now watch the late-night street cabaret.

Spotting a westerner, the driver of the first available taxi (watch out for their first clever trick: vacant taxis in Japan show a red light in the window, occupied cabs a green one) will look fixedly at the traffic lights ahead, even though there are none. The second will temporarily have averted his eyes to adjust the radio. The third, who sighted the westerner a fraction too late to look convincingly distracted elsewhere, simply swerves dangerously into the middle of the road as if he were steering a bumper car at a fun fair. All three cabs will screech to a halt to pick up a Japanese fare just five yards further up the road.

You can, of course, try to stop cab drivers from realizing that you are not Japanese — by wearing a Balaclava mask, for example. One often successful trick is to hide your features behind a large black umbrella, though carrying a large black umbrella on a hot summer's night is a bore, and hiding behind its canopy just seems to invite stares.

What really confuses westerners in Tokyo is that in the world's less scrupulous capitals, foreigners are sought out by some taxi drivers the way snake oil salesmen in the Wild West used to seek out gullible old fools. But Tokyo's always well-dressed and white-gloved taxi drivers are, on the whole, fairly honest. If you leave your wallet in the back seat, they will try to track you down. If they do not know an address — which happens frequently in a city that has no street names, and in which a dinner invitation without a detailed accompanying map is a useless dinner invitation — most Tokyo cabbies will try to look it up before flicking on the meter.

This is a pleasant courtesy, since the meter starts at over £2 and jumps more swiftly and regularly than an Olympic hurdler. But the fact is that usually, this modest map-reading doesn't make much difference, and it's safest to allow the driver at least 20 minutes to pinpoint his target once he is within, say, 50 yards of your destination. It is said that the anonymous maze of streets in Tokyo was devised to confuse any enemies who might land in the capital, but it has backfired badly: when first visiting a new house or office, even Tokyo natives like to be met by their hosts at the nearest landmark, such as a subway station, and escorted from there like a child.

Just as confusing, Japan seems to have only one template for its town centres, which is curious considering that the Japanese are so design-conscious that Sony produces a new version of its Walkman cassette machine almost monthly to keep up with shifting tastes. Stand with your back to any suburban train station and you will be hard pressed to guess where in Japan you are, since the urban landscape is almost identical. Even the Japanese find it difficult to locate distinguishing marks.

If getting around Tokyo's streets baffles the Japanese, it baffles foreigners more. Taxi drivers must know that most foreign passengers would not realize if they were being taken for an extra-long ride. Also most foreigners, unused to a country where tipping is unknown, would probably pay a percentage over the meter reading. Yet Tokyo taxi drivers refuse all blandishments and return all tips.

Unfortunately, they often also refuse western passengers. What is the problem? Well, in fairness, there isn't always a problem. Some Tokyo taxi drivers are charming and friendly. Some like to practise their English. Some like to tell you what they think of their prime minister. One, trying kindly to wile away the hours in a traffic jam, twiddled his radio until he found an English-speaking station that he thought might keep me amused. It was clear he could not understand what was being said, but it was a nice thought.

A more usual journey starts like this. You somehow hail and get into a cab before the driver realizes who you are. Once you are inside, it is tricky for him to throw you out because passenger doors in Japanese taxis are swung open automatically by a button next to the driver, so he can hardly accuse you of barging into his cab.

Next, you tell him where you want to go. The chances are that this will be met by a bellowing noise that starts deep in the stomach and sounds like the end-of-day klaxon at a factory. It is the Japanese equivalent of "You what?". He might pretend that he doesn't understand your Japanese. You must be firm. If you have a map to give him, you have him on the run, even though he might turn it this way and that, as if he was trying to work out which way to hang a Jackson Pollock canvas.

More likely than not he will realize he is beaten, and start the meter. To teach you a lesson and to make sure you do not do such a cheeky thing again, he will give you a ride second only to a fairground helter-skelter. If you play along and say "Faster, faster!", he will usually slow down.

Then he might repeat your destination slowly, over and over again, as if it were somewhere that only wild beasts would go. Often it is as mysterious as Oxford Street might be to a London cabbie, so this constant murmuring of "Oxford Street . . . that's a tricky one . . . Oxford Street, you say . . . Oxford Street, eh . . ." tends to grate after a while. Best to tell him that you are doing him a favour by leading him to one of the capital's busiest thoroughfares. This sometimes elicits the klaxon-like bellow, which is then followed by silence.

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What most taxi drivers feel too uncomfortable to tell you to your face is that they do not like to pick up westerners, because westerners tend not to live a two-hour drive into the suburbs, and westerners often cannot speak enough Japanese to guide the driver through those final, crucial 50 yards of back streets. If you see a westerner in a Tokyo side street with a bottle of wine in his hand calling out someone's name, he is not drunk, merely trying to locate his host. The ones calling out names but without bottles in their hands are hosts trying to locate their guests.

Unlike many taxi drivers elsewhere, Japanese drivers hate taking passengers on short journeys. Although £2 for a 300-yard cab ride (a common mistake made by visitors who have yet to locate their hotel on the city map) may seem a lot to you, it will just about buy your taxi driver a coffee. The journey from Tokyo's Narita airport into town costs £80 if there is no traffic, at least twice as much if there is. Expense account entertainers will be given chits by their offices to hand to taxi drivers to cover their £100 taxi rides home to the suburbs late at night. The streets of Ginza are carpeted at night with pre-booked taxis, their meters running up huge sums while they wait for executives to leave their hostess bars.

Persuading Tokyo's taxi drivers to give up all this for a £2 ride is like trying to tempt mating pandas out of their cages in the zoo with the offer of a currant bun — only even less successful.

EXHIBITIONS

OUT OF THE WOOD: An exhibition of work inspired by trees and woods. Also furniture by Jim Partridge. **Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1** (01-930 4811). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2-5pm. Free. Today and tomorrow only.

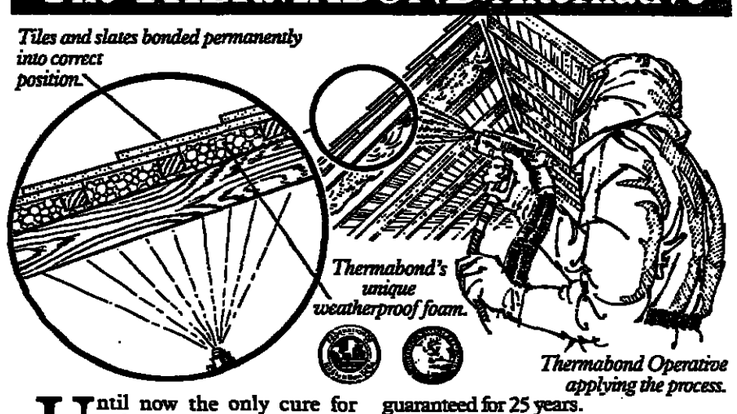
THE WINDSOR CHAIR: Thirty-seven examples of what is now regarded as the national chair of England. Talks, pole-lathing demonstrations and children's activities using wood. **Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath** (0225 60333). Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Admission £1, concessions 75p. Until November 4.

THE ART OF LEGO: Specially commissioned Lego constructions include furniture, lifesize popular characters, and a working electric organ. **Newport Museum,** John Frost Square, Newport, Gwent (0633 840064). Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5pm, Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 9.30am-4pm. Free. Until November 18.

A DISTANT DRUM: Photojournalism by Joan Wakelin, who for 20 years has documented the plight of refugees worldwide. Pictures of garbage dwellers, leprosy hopitals and slums in Cambodia, Thailand, Jerusalem and Egypt contrast starkly with her shots of skyscrapers and tourists. **RPS National Centre of Photography,** The Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath (0225 62841). Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm. Admission £1.50, concessions £1. Opens Thursday, with illustrated talk.

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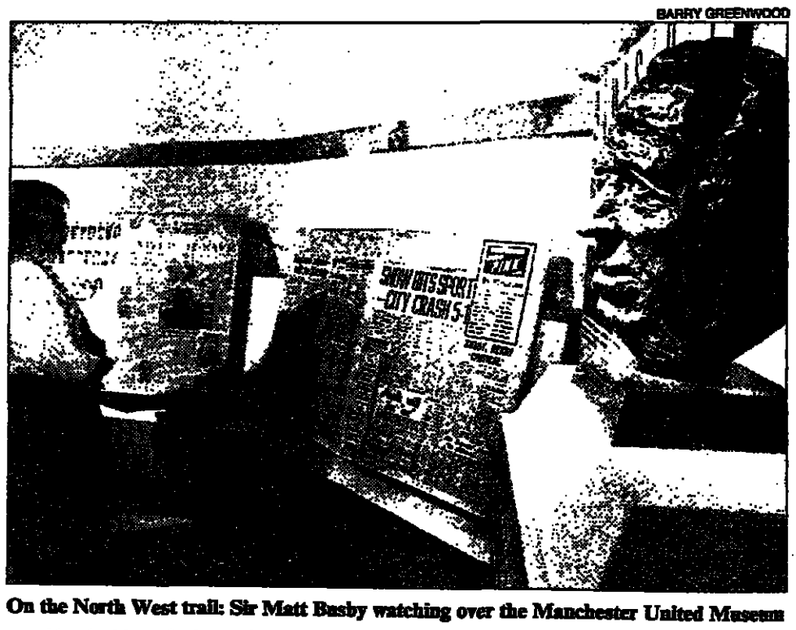
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MUSEUMS

Simon Tait delves into the first four volumes of a region-by-region guide to museums

Pages for armchair explorers



BARRY GREENWOOD

On the North West trail: Sir Matt Busby watching over the Manchester United Museum

One of the primary aims of Museums Year has been to remove some of the mystery from museums and make them more "user friendly".

Behind Museums Year and its mission has been the Museums Association, 100 years old this year, which, in partnership with the Museums and Galleries Commission and Her Majesty's Stationery Office, has undertaken an ambitious pubishing project.

Exploring Museums comprises 11 volumes, each devoted to one region, giving not only the essential information of what, where and when, but thoughtful essays by writers explaining why and how.

The first four are out now, and cover London, South West England, North West England and the Isle of Man, and North East England. Next year will come the Home Counties, Southern England and the Channel Islands, Scotland, Wales, East Anglia, the Midlands and Ireland.

The first four give a flavour of what the complete set is going to provide. HMSO has asked experts to write about the museums and galleries in their regions, and the lesser known discoveries provide an element of exploration — and often the most fun.

In London's Wood Green lies the extraordinary Bruce Castle, a Tottenham *pied-à-terre* for the medieval Scottish kings which became the home of Rowland Hill, the penny post inventor, and in 1906 a museum. But as well as handing down history and mystery, this is a museum which has its own ghost. The wife of the 17th-century Lord Coleraine was imprisoned with her child in a tiny turret room, from which she escaped to a parapet in order to fling herself and the child to oblivion.

But on every anniversary of that November night, "the wild form can be seen as she stood on the fatal parapet, and her despairing cry is heard floating away on the autumnal blast", as the *Tottenham and Edmonton Advertiser* put it in 1858.

From the South West, Ashburton Museum in Devon provides the kind of mirror of rural town life which makes museums come alive: Bertha Knapman's wax doll, given to her in 1872 when she was three; the objects which Major Hutton created in the Second World War as escape aids, such as a fountain pen with a compass concealed in it, and gramophone records in which money could be hidden; the clarinet and serpent used by Ashburton Town Band until the 1830s.

"What incubus have we here/Lumbering in the bosom of our lovely lake?/A steamboat as I live — without mistake!/Puffing and splashing over Windermere!" is how *Punch* lampooned a famous row in 1845 when steamboats were introduced to Windermere, and the Windermere Steamboat Museum, just 10 years old, records water-borne life on England's longest lake, the boats which worked and played here, and personalities such as the lake's first policeman, PC Greenbank, Beatrix Potter, and J.G.A. Kitchen, an indefatigable inventor who almost perfected an aeroplane with a single circular wing.

The North East volume leads us to such places as the Beck Island Museum of Rural Life at Pickering on the North Yorkshire Moors, in the home of William Marshall, Yorkshire's agrarian revolutionary at the end of the 18th century, who created England's first agricultural institute there. A remarkable photographic archive by Sydney Smith follows Pickering's social and mechanical development through the first half of this century.

The series will cover something like 1,700 museums, although half of them have to be content with a rather tantalizing acknowledgement at the back. I should have liked to be told more, for example, about the Bagpipe Museum at Morpeth, the Thorburn Museum and Gallery at Dobwall in Cornwall, the Northwich Salt Museum in Cheshire, and the Ragged School Museum in London's Mile End.

Exploring Museums is published by HMSO at £7.95 per volume

● Last week I said that the curator of the "Treasures of Yorkshire and Humberside" exhibition, Andrew Patterson, had come from the Yorkshire Mining Museum at Murton, which was about to close. This should have read the Yorkshire Farming Museum. The Yorkshire Mining Museum at Caphouse Colliery, Overton, is open and thriving.

Museums Year winter break offers

● To help celebrate Museums Year, special winter weekend breaks in two of Britain's most popular heritage centres, Glasgow and Manchester, are being offered exclusively to readers of *The Times* by British Heritage Tours. The breaks have been specially devised to take in museums. Prices include two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast, and there is a £10 discount for Museums Year Passport holders.

● **Glasgow Fine Arts**
November 3-5
Based at the Albany Hotel, this includes visits to the Hunterian Museum, the palatial City Museum and Art Gallery, and the Burrell Collection, with a special reception at one of them. On Sunday morning there is a tour of the outstanding Victorian architecture of Glasgow, Europe's City of Culture for 1990. *£90 per person, £15 single person supplement, £10 extra for non-Passport holders.*

● **Manchester Textiles — A Stitch in Time**
November 17-19
From the Post House Hotel, the weekend includes a visit to the Whitworth Art Gallery, a tour of the Royal Exchange — now the Royal Exchange Theatre, built within the Manchester Cotton Exchange, which was once the world's biggest room — the Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, Quarry Bank Mill at Styal in Cheshire, and finally the English Costume Gallery at Platt Fields, Manchester. *£80 per person, £15 single person supplement, £10 extra for non-Passport holders.*

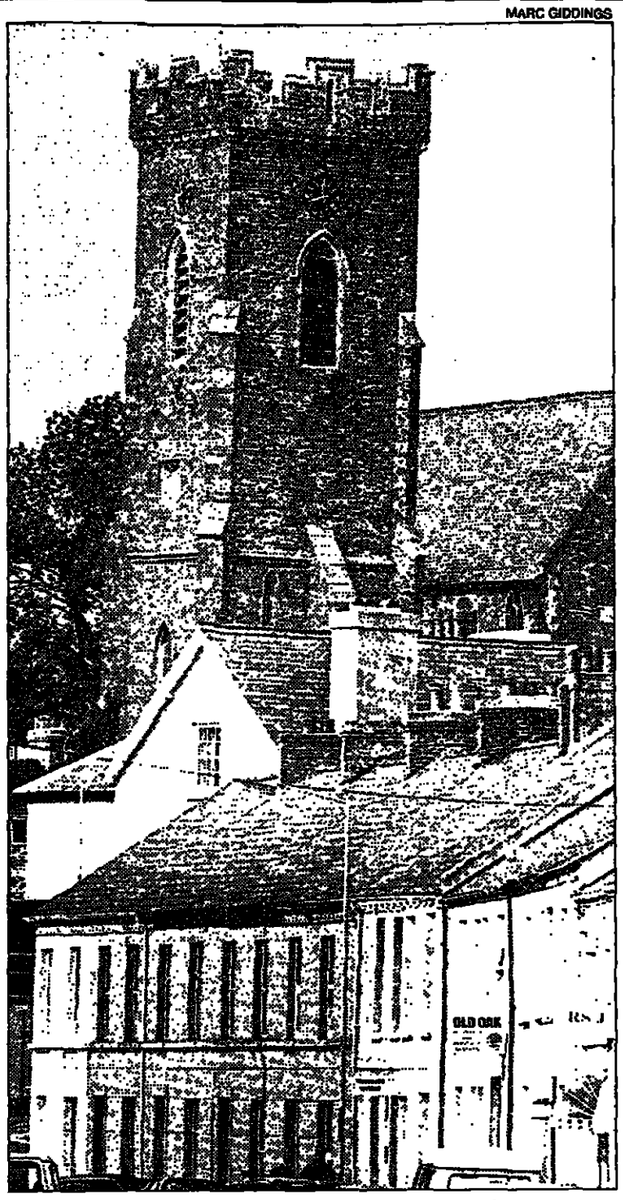
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COUNTY TOWN

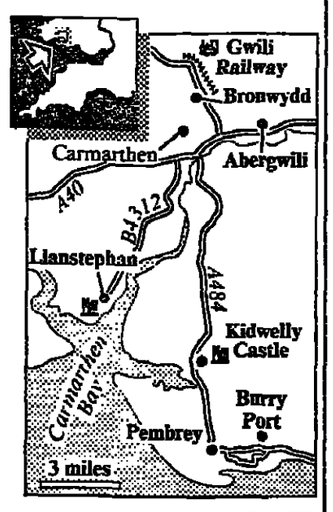
Historic Carmarthen has been damaged by town development, **Nigel Andrew** reports – but not fatally so

Holding progress at bay

MARC GIDDINGS



Solid faith: St Peter's, one of many churches and chapels in Carmarthen



I was strolling down Quay Street in Carmarthen, minding my own business, when I heard a sudden cry of "Yah! Yuppie!" from behind me. It came from a group of small boys on the other side of the street, and they followed it up with a good-humoured fusillade of dried peas. I had thought the art of pea-shooting was even deader than the word "yuppie", and to judge by their aim I was right. But the old ways die hard in Welsh Wales.

Secularism, for example, seems to have passed Carmarthen by. The concentration of churches and chapels is quite extraordinary. Established and nonconformist, English and Welsh, large and small, Gothic, classical and vernacular, they stand proudly on every street, nearly all of them still doing business. The town even supports a small contingent of believers who do the Lord's work by tramping the pavements clothed in apocalyptic sandwich boards.

Where there is religion, there are bound to be pubs. Carmarthen's are notable more for mind-boggling quantity than for quality. The best of them, the imposing 18th-century Boar's Head Hotel, where Dylan Thomas and Augustus John came to blows in the car park, now stands empty and shuttered. A legal row of Byzantine complexity has forced the landlord out of business, while property developers haggle over that very car park. One company is already reputed to own £4 million-worth of property in Carmarthen. Other sites are earmarked for "development". In commerce, if in nothing else, the 1980s have hit Carmarthen – and hard.

Several big stores are there already – Marks & Spencer, Tesco, Littlewoods, a big MFI warehouse on the edge of town. They, and the quasi-ring road which sends traffic hurtling round the town, have compromised Carmarthen's charm, but by no means fatally. The historic centre remains full of character and largely intact, a tight little network of narrow, oblique streets.

The Guildhall, a chunky, provincial building of 1767 with three huge Venetian windows, is still the focal point. The little colonnade underneath provides lounging space for the town's disaffected youth. Nearby on St Mary's Street is a well-stocked bookshop. In Nott Square, in front of a far from smart pub, stands the statue of one of Carmarthen's heroes, Major General Sir William Nott, hero of the Afghan Wars.

The town goes in for conspicuous memorials, having some half dozen others, one to the recalcitrant bishop, Robert Ferrar, burnt at the stake in 1555.

Change and decay – mostly the latter, so far – characterize the old centre of Carmarthen. Handsome Georgian houses stand empty and rotting, buddleia sprouting from broken cornices, grime coating windows and doors. Clearly chequebooks have been out and plans dreamed up. It bodes ill. Quay Street, dignified and quiet (but for its pea-shooting urchins), still has a certain faded elegance. It leads down not to the river Tywi, which kept Carmarthen a prosperous little port right through the last century, but to the thundering stretch of A40 which runs along its north bank.

From the river and the old town bridge the views to the east are of open country, fat wooded hills and rich pastures. Cows graze by the river where, at high tide, coracle fishermen still catch salmon from their tiny round boats. The view of the town from here is dominated by the great oblong of County Hall, designed by Sir Percy Thomas, a severe and emphatic building with tall windows and chimneys and a steeply pitched roof with conical turrets at the corners. Stone-built, and a curious khaki-grey in colour, it somewhat eclipses the ruins of the castle which stand behind it.

What might be thought of as the esplanade encircling County Hall is high enough, on its bluff over the river, to give some fine views. It is wasted as an asphalt car park. All that survives of the castle is a length of curtain wall and a hefty 14th-century gatehouse. The Civil War did for the rest. Carmarthen held out for the king till 1646, and the castle was accordingly slighted. Out towards the western edge of town, some curious earthworks known as the Bulwarks – a series of deep parallel ridges – remain as a rare example of Civil War fortifications.

A little further west, in Carmarthen Park – a perfectly ordinary municipal park – stands an enigmatic, apparently genuine stone circle. This is a reminder of what a very ancient place Carmarthen is. It was a Roman town of some importance, the most westerly of the major forts. In fact the remains of an amphitheatre, a remarkable survival, can still be seen outside town on the Llandeilo road.

Later, according to popular legend, came Merlin, born in Carmarthen, the son of a king's daughter and a spirit. His memorial is Merlin's Oak, a withered stump which, according to the guide books, still stands at the corner of Priory Street and Oak Lane, lovingly tended by the townsfolk, ever mindful of Merlin's prophecy: "When Merlin's Oak shall tumble down, Then shall fall Carmarthen town". But the oak, such as it was, has gone, half of it to St Peter's Church House, the other half to the County Museum at Abergwili. There too, above the village, stands Merlin's Hill, the magician's retreat from the world, perhaps the site of the "crystal cave" in which he sleeps until Britain faces her darkest hour.

Carmarthen wears all its history and legend so lightly you would hardly know it was there. No Merlin's World theme park is on the horizon, no Carmarthen Experience, no influx of New Age traders creating a Welsh Glastonbury. Just more supermarkets and shopping precincts and car parks. Merlin was probably right. See Carmarthen now, while it is still worth seeing.

AROUND CARMARTHEN

● **Abergwili** (2 miles E of Carmarthen on the A40) is a pleasant village worth visiting for the *Carmarthen Museum, which is* housed in the former palace of the bishops of St David's. Parts of the building date back to the 13th century. The museum has some remarkable Roman exhibits, including locally mined gold, and much else. There are picnic areas and a nature trail. Open Mon-Sat, *10am-4.30pm.*

● **Bronwydd** (3 miles N of Carmarthen on the A484) marks the start of the **Gwili Railway**, a beautiful line following the bank of the Gwili river. Trains hauled by steam will run on October 22 and 25 only. There is also a nature trail, picnic site and children's activity area. For further details, tel 0267 230666.

● **Llanstephan** (7 miles SW of Carmarthen by B4312 – left at top of Picton Terrace) is a picturesque village on the Tywi estuary, surrounded by fine walking country. The ruined Llanstephan castle stands on a headland commanding *quite stunning views.*

● **Kidwelly Castle** (8 miles S of Carmarthen on the A484) is one of the finest in West Wales, an *unusually complete and perfect* example of 13th-century castle design. The three-storeyed gatehouse is particularly impressive. Open daily (Sunday afternoons only in winter).

● **Carreg Cennen Castle** (12 miles E of Carmarthen by A40, then right on to A483 at Llandello, left under the railway, right to Trapp and straight on) is the dramatically sited ruin of a 14th-century fortress, standing at the top of a 300-foot precipice, surrounded by fertile valleys. A subterranean passage leads 150 feet into the cliff, and openings cut into the cliff face to let in light give *unexpected views of the* Black Mountains. Castle open daily.

● **Carmarthen Bay Wind Energy Demonstration Centre** (12 miles S of *Carmarthen at Burry Port; take* A484, then right on to B4311 at Pembrey and right after the station) is assessing a variety of working wind turbines for generating electricity. A Visitor Centre tells you all about it. It could be a glimpse of the future. Open daily, 10am-4pm.

OUTINGS

Strictly for the birds

RSPB WEEKEND: The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is holding information sessions at 65 garden centres throughout the country this weekend. They aim to help both urban and rural householders who wish to encourage and support birds as garden visitors or residents. What is good for the birds is not always good for the gardener, so the RSPB will explain that where possible a small patch of weeds should be allowed to flourish. For instance, thistles are popular with goldfinches, groundsel is a prolific supplier of seeds, and nettles may attract linnets. There is an extensive range of berry-bearing shrubs. In the hardest winter months birds appreciate peanuts, melon, *bacon rinds, oatmeal, fresh brown bread, cheese, fruit and suet.* Different foods attract different birds. Foods that should not be offered include desiccated coconut (and fresh coconut in the nesting season). The RSPB asks all householders to maintain a *permanent supply of water both for drinking and bathing. They* warn that wherever possible food and drink should be kept out of the reach of cats, which are responsible for the deaths of an estimated 20 million birds a year.
To discover which garden centre near you is participating, ring Derek Niemann on 0582 21621 today or tomorrow.

TRADESCANT ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: A wide variety of craft items for sale from hand-made sweaters, Liberty print accessories and dolls' clothes to decorative doorstops and mirrors.

Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 (01-261 1891). Today, tomorrow 11am-5pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

KENSINGTON PALACE CHILDREN'S EVENT: Roberto *Lagnado tells stories based* around a sculpture in the King's privy chamber – suitable for 5 to 9-year-olds and parents.
Kensington Palace, The Broadwalk, South Kensington. Tomorrow 2-4pm. Admission to palace and storytime, adult £3.50, child £1.50.

PARK LANE ANTIQUES FAIR: Annual fair with 40 specialists exhibiting in the art deco ballroom. Fine silver and jewellery, glass, paintings, prints, clocks, furniture and *objets d'art.* This year's loan *exhibition on Lantern* Clocks contains fine examples from the late 16th-18th centuries.
Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1. Today, tomorrow, 11am-7pm; Mon 11am-6pm. Admission £5 including catalogue.

NEEDLES AND PINS: Exhibition for homecraft enthusiasts with exhibitors *ranging from button makers* and handknitters to dog hair spinners, and articles on *sale.*
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8. Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Adult £4, child £2.50.

SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO: Spectacular entertainment with *marching bands, displays, pageantry and competitions* below the walls of Richmond Castle which with its magnificent Great Tower dominates Swaledale.
The Batts, Richmond, North Yorkshire. Today, 7pm. Adult £2, child £1.

25TH ASHTON WORLD CONKER CHAMPIONSHIP: Peculiarly British entertainment – though the name probably derives from the French word for a shell, *conque.*
Entertainments include morris dancing, folk groups, a highland band and celebrity support from Janet Brown, Peter Gabriel and others. Full *refreshments on the green and* at the Chequered Skipper. Spectators welcome. Children can take part without pre-registering.
Village Green, Ashton, near Oundle, Cambridgeshire. Tomorrow 10am-3pm. Adult £1, child, senior citizens and *car park free.*

BOOSEY AND HAWKES NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS OF GREAT BRITAIN: Gala concert this evening in the Albert Hall with the best of British bands taking place. Tomorrow you can listen to the finals of the youth section throughout the day.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7. Tonight 7pm. Balcony tickets £3.50. *Tomorrow,* Wembley Conference Centre, 11am-5pm, admission £3.50.
Booking office for both events 01-951 0747.

TEDDY BEAR SPECIALS: Teddy bears all over the place, competitions, fun and games *at a picnic area en route,* miniature buffet on train and full buffet at Arlesford.
Mid-Hants Railway, the Watercress Line, Arlesford, Hampshire (0962 733810). Today, tomorrow. Trains from 11.40am. Return journey adult £4.30, child £2.80, family ticket – two adults and up to four children – £12. Under fives free.

Judy Froshaug

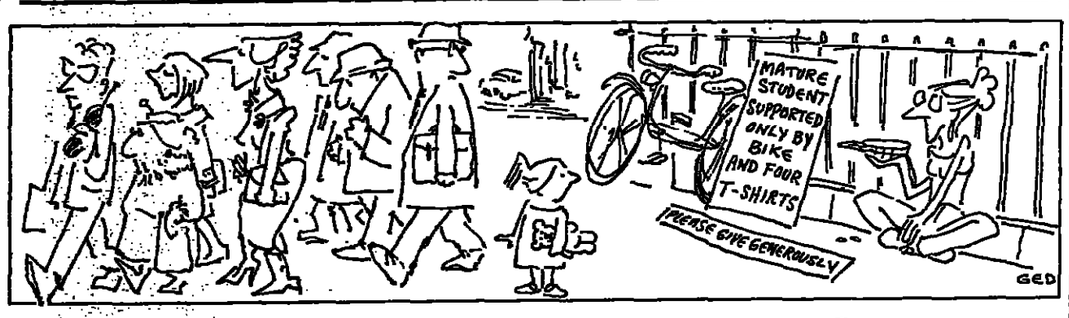
TRIWORDS by Clive Doig

How many words of four, five, or six letters can you find which contain these three letters:

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The letters must appear in the correct order, but need not be placed together. No proper names, foreign words or plurals allowed. Example: **ablaze.**
Average score 28, expert score 91.
Answers on page 43.

CAMPUS



Costing the wrinkle factor

Zoë Everest-Phillips argues for a fairer deal for mature students

Picture a mature student. A tremendously earnest 35-year-old wife and mother escaping from the housework to "make something" of herself. Or long hair and flared jeans finding refuge among the coffee-stained Formica and cosy socialism of the local poly's student union bar.

Maybe a drifter who, after years spent wandering aimlessly and unsuccessfully through a variety of uninspiring jobs, accepts the Government's free hand-out to finance three years of late mornings, red-brick politics and hangovers.

Whatever the picture, I for one do not shape up. I am 26, single, with a respectable career history, my own London flat (and London mortgage), a car, a boyfriend, and an expense account. And next week I give all this up for three years' penury, a second-hand bike, a small college room, the social experiments and agonies of a flock of fledgling teenagers, and that stigma of being a "mature student".

Why am I deserting Yuppie Street for the groves of Academe? The answer is fairly simple. There is rather more to life than just living. The once flowing stream of free creative thought stagnates, and however satisfying or successful one's career, the thought that part of you remains unstretched and increasingly unfulfilled recurs with growing frequency.

Schooldays spent feeling it was high time to leave the cosy nest lined with Latin prose and pocket money and go out and earn a living are far off indeed. That ambition is flawed. After eight years of the nine-to-five routine, of twice-daily engagements with battalions of elbows and rolled umbrellas, and of playing mental chess against office grand masters, I acknowledge the price I have paid. I am now ready to make the change.

But, the decision made to pursue academic success, the practical consequences are almost overwhelming. Take, for a start, the student grant, which is miserly enough to an 18-year-old. To an older person who has been used to earning real money, it represents a massive immediate drop in living standards. There is, of course, the age allowance given as a concession to "maturity", but that will barely pay for all the anti-wrinkle cream.

Parental contributions are a blow to independence-seeking school leavers. But forcing married students into dependence on spouses' contributions to their grants is just insulting, and – for the unmarried – a positive deterrent to prospective suitors.

Psychologically it is hard to leave one's own home to live in halls of residence. It is a sacrifice of hard-earned independence. But home ownership is itself a burden on a mature student. The property has to be either let or sold, *with the risk of homelessness* during vacations. Or the mortgage payments must somehow be met – not easy when they *alone amount to more than* double the student grant.

The new personal pension plans we were all encouraged to sign up for in April suddenly seem less attractive when the payment has to be met from a monthly income of barely more than £200.

Added to all this, there is the underlying fear that being at university with a few more wrinkles and grey hairs than everyone else will result in loneliness, agony aunthood, and humiliation in tutorials surrounded by keener, fresher minds; and, ultimately, that one will graduate qualified for nothing more than the dole queue, or the lemming rush for motherhood so many women fall into towards the age of 30.

Yet the DES and the Treasury clearly do not recognize the burden that falls on mature students, nor even the positive benefits that their maturity and experience can bring to the campus and the tutorial.

Surely, in formulating plans for student loans, they could have devised some imaginative way of easing the particular burden on mature students, who have to start climbing the graduate career ladder at a much greater age? Why not, for example, allow tax-free investments into an "education fund", deployable against designated courses of higher or further education?

None of the blurb issued by local authorities, the DES or UCCA deals adequately with the particular problems and financial issues affecting would-be mature students. This is quite surprising, given the resources being pumped in by the Government to lure older people back to the *workplace through retraining* and financial incentives.

What is equally surprising is the universities' own complacency about their ability to address the problems demographic changes will pose for the Nineties, as highlighted by the recent report commissioned by the Government's training agency. Admission policies appear to dismiss the idea of mature students bridging the gap.

Behind the rhetoric, mature students seem to be regarded on all sides as unwelcome entrants to the university challenge.

Nevertheless, despite all the hurdles before the finishing line some three years hence, I shall be there on the starting blocks. Unlike most races, there is no handicap allowed for veterans. We mature students have to earn our medals the hard way.

Zoë Everest-Phillips will be reading philosophy and law at King's College, Cambridge

'There is no handicap allowed for veterans'

WEATHER EYE

A vintage spell

This summer is being hailed as the best ever for English wine. Conditions have been almost ideal for a record harvest. But is it really true to say it is the "best ever"?

In spite of their recent re-emergence, English vineyards have a long history. In Roman *times wines were grown as far* north as York, while during the medieval climatic optimum from the 11th-13th centuries vineyards were widespread throughout south-eastern England.

In the 12th century the wines of Gloucestershire were compared in quality with those of France. But the combination of the deterioration of the climate and the dissolution of the monasteries meant that English viticulture *virtually died out by the late* 16th century.

So while claims can be made about recent harvests, the longer-term requires more detective work. Wine harvest dates can provide clues as they are a good guide to the weather during the growing season and have long been used to study climatic change in Europe. Comprehensive records for northern and central France, including Burgundy, Switzerland, Alsace *and the Rhineland, go back to* 1484.

These records can be used to draw inferences, not only about the weather in each year in the regions in question, but also in southern England which experiences a similar climate.

From these continental records 1556 stands out by almost a week as being the most advanced harvest, with picking starting in early September.

From the wine harvest data and more recent temperature records it is possible to conclude that 1989 is on a par with, or has exceeded, the best growing season in the last 400 years, though it may not come up to the pinnacle of 1556. So in future, when we enjoy this year's vintage, there may be added pleasure in knowing that it may be the best England could have produced since the reign of Mary Tudor.

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EATING OUT

What's in a name?

London's latest celebrity restaurant has star-quality looks, Jonathan Meades writes — but not food to match

GRAHAM WOOD



Master of a congenial atmosphere: Martin Saxon, the youthful veteran who manages Columbus, the new arrival on London's celebrity eating scene

Ned Sherrin so brims with the milk of human kindness that he is in danger of becoming mistaken for a churn. Here is a man of so charitable a disposition that he believes Bitch to be a brand of gourmet dogfood.

What other sort of man would have written, a couple of weeks back, of the restaurant called **Columbus**: "On entering you are as likely as not to see Loyd Grossman reading an article by Loyd Grossman about how good Loyd Grossman's new restaurant is."?

Yes, it takes a kind man to write a kind sentence like that. This sort of kindness is achieved by omission. Omission of the name of the restaurant — so Grossman fans will not hurry along, suffer disappointment, berate the reading Loyd. Omission of the unspeakable notion that if Loyd does not write an article about how good Loyd's new restaurant is, no one else will.

Me, I'm not an undercover Red Cross agent. I know very well what Bitch is. I know too that the question of the "l" that is missing from Loyd (*sic*) is one of the great modern mysteries. Where is it? In hiding in Paraguay with Lucky Lucan? Or did Loyd never own it in the first place? Did his parents neglect to give it to him? Perhaps "l"s were rationed the year that he was born. Maybe he ditched it as a nominal protest in adolescence. Who knows? The fact of its absence has not eased Mr Grossman's trudge down life's lonely highway: a former editor of the *Times Literary Supplement* once declared, after Loyd had requested a book to review: "I'm not going to give work to someone who can't spell his own name."

But Mr Grossman is absolutely no mug. He may, as Beryl Reid once remarked, have trouble with his vowels — but then Ms Reid is a Mancunian with a Brummie accent and is thus a specialist in this area. And he may have invented a rather desperate means of showing off and making his fortune — he's the one on the basely entertaining television show *Through The Keyhole* who isn't David Frost or Chris Tarrant. But he also has a less populist side to him. He has his serious side. He knows about Corbusian chairs, he probably knows the name of the man who designed the first matt black cigarette lighter. Renaissance Man? Well, he is the author of the generally very astute *Harpers & Queen* guide to London's 100 best restaurants. And he has written a discerning, if rather matey, restaurant column in that magazine for the best part of a decade. So Columbus is no ordinary "celebrity restaurant". I dare say that beside George Best's latest place, or Cynthia Lennon's or Bill Wyman's, this restaurant is a titan. But then Loyd was not the greatest footballer in the world, he was not married to John Lennon (so far as I know), and only in his dreams can he say of himself "Je suis un rockstar".

I think it's fair enough to opine that punters are going to want more than the presence of a telling personality reading at a table. The first time I went to Columbus, Loyd was indeed there, and his lips were moving, but he wasn't reading, merely talking. The second time he was reading — *The New York Times*. So how does a celebrity with a professional interest in restaurants kick off as a restaurateur? He acquires ace premises, ones that have previously been owned by celebrities. Columbus is on the site of what was Tai Pan, whose proprietor was the bouffant-haired cousin of the Queen, Patrick Lichfield. And before that the place housed April Ashley's restaurant. Again, we're talking about a different stratum of celebrity. I doubt if Loyd has ever taken a single soft porn photo, and am as sure as can be that he has never had a sex change. As I say, the restaurant needs something beside himself, and he has had the wit to realize this.

So he has ensured that the place looks good, more than good. It really is very handsome in a cool, adobe-like way. The predominant colour is pale Elastoplast. It has an airiness that few basements achieve. There are slatted cushioned banquettes, and Lloyd Loom chairs (those Thirties woven things made by a conventionally spelled Lloyd). He has ensured, too, that his staff are at least amiable: the manager, Martin Saxon, is a youthful veteran of numerous fashionable restaurants, and knows what he's about. The service is on the unhurried side, but that hardly matters since the atmosphere is so congenial.

COLUMBUS
★★★
8 Egerton Gardens Mews, London SW3 (01 589 8287).
Lunch and dinner every day. £50-£60. Major cards.

I wish I could say the same about the cooking. This is part of the entry on the Neal Street Restaurant in the *Harpers & Queen* 100 Best Restaurants: "The big question is why are there so many culinary booby traps, particularly when the men involved (Antonio Carluccio, Sir Terence Conran etc) are such arbiters of cooking and style?" One has to ask the same about Columbus. The style of cooking is Californian, a style which, I have to own, I don't much like — it has no *limits*, it is indiscriminate, if it is based on anything it is based on miscegenetic gimmickry. It is cross-cultural in the worst way. Thus the menu offers such things as chicken tandoori pizza, bacon/lettuce/tomato pizza, pasta with a rather nasty black bean sauce, tortilla lasagne. I've tasted the last three of these and they seem, at best, quite pointless.

It would be easy to eat here and to conclude that Loyd is no better at selecting chefs than he is at spelling his name. But that is only part of the picture — some dishes are pretty much all right. Flank steak (the cut usually known by its French name of *onglet*) is done with roast shallots, undone by being further accompanied by raw shallots. Lamb rack comes with aubergine pancakes. There is a delicious chocolate "terrine". The chips are good. But then these dishes seem to belong to a different repertoire from the majority, and they are in an idiom that the chef seems at home with. There is, I suspect, a gulf between proprietorial aspiration and culinary capability. The position at the moment is that there are as many unpleasant flavours to be savoured as there are agreeable ones.

There are also some shortcomings which are not attributable to the kitchen. No years are given against the wines — which is doubtless very convenient for the house, but not so good for its clients. Again, no cheese is offered, save for some stuff that is mistakenly melted over grilled radicchio.

My misgivings are, it is clear, not commonly shared. The place is doing good business and is pleasantly animated. It'll doubtless be a great success, and I'll have to swallow my words — but sooner them than another forkful of tortilla lasagne. £50-£60.

DIRECTORY

Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the establishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. JM.

SOUTH EAST ASIAN

Arirang
31-32 Poland Street, London W1 (01-437 9662/6833)
★★
Korean, and done out in James Bond style as a tribute to Korea's favourite son, Odd Job. Garlic, chilli and sesame with everything. The deep frying is heavy-handed, but pork-filled dumplings are worth trying. £40.

Cho Won
27 Romilly Street, London W1 (01-437 2262)
★★★
Shows Korea's culinary debt to Japan. Good beef and onion stew, excellent pancake made from ground peas, pleasant spinach with sesame. £30.

The Blue Elephant
4 Fulham Broadway, London SW6 (01-385 6595)
★★★★★
Offshoot of Brussels's top Thai restaurant and the cookery is mediated by Belgian nous. It is thus far from the peasant-based gear of most Thai places. Marvellous grilled scallops, fishcakes and satay owe more to Belgium than to Thailand. Good lamb with ginger and garlic, and beef with chilli and baby aubergines. The place is jungle-thick with plants and the service is by boys in martial uniform. Expensive wines. £60.

Sri Siam
14 Old Compton Street, London W1 (01-434 3544)
★★★★★
Thai cooking done with European flair — and all the better for it. The restaurant is long, narrow, noisy and rather effortfully decorated. The cooking, with the exception of basic staples, is impressive — tempura of vegetables, fine fishcakes, marvellous "red" curry, grilled beef with coriander and mint. £50-£55.

Lion City
32 Old Compton Street, London W1 (01-437 0312)
★★★
Malaysian cum Thai place where the Thai stuff is the better — fishcakes, squid with chilli and basil and so on.

Satay Jaya
17-18 New College Parade, Finchley Road, London NW3 (01-722 9605)
No stars
The good thing about this elegant Malaysian place is the air-conditioning. £27.

FISH

Nautilus
27 Fortune Green Road, London NW6 (01-435 2532)
★★★★★
Probably the best fish and chip restaurant in London (also takeaway). Crisp, grease-free batter that is close to won-ton batter. The portions are generous the chips are fine. £18.

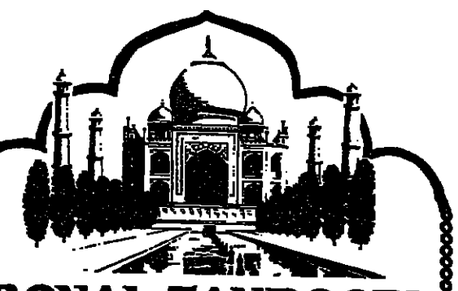
La Seppia
8a Mount Street, London W1 (01-499 3385/629 5446)
★★★★★★
Refined modern north Italian cooking in a bizarrely decorated basement. The £19 tasting menu a great bargain. An altogether polished and promising establishment which demonstrate that a French-trained chef of tale can pull his nation's clichéd cuisi out of the doldrums. The emphasi is piscine: fish broth with salmon and scallops, brill with lentils are first-rate. There's also a fine risot with white truffle, gnocchi with piquant tomato sauce, black noodles with chilli. £80.

Lou Pescadou
241 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 (01-370 1057)
★★★★
Informal Provençal fish restaurant (whose rare meat dish are perfectly sound). Pasta with shellfish, pissaladière, marvellous apple tart. The place does not accept bookings, which means th you need to arrive early or very lat Service is at best brusque and too frequently degenerates into hostility and abuse. £40.

Suri's
42 Dean Street, London W1 (01-734 3339)
★★★★★★
An elegant establishment, all battleship grey and white, and predominantly devoted to fish and vegetable cooking though unreconstructed carnivores can g their fix here if they really must. B that would be to seriously miss th point. The fish is outstanding, e.g. mullet with a potato galette, and marinated salmon with shellfish tempura. The vegetable cookery i also exemplary and should be a lesson to all restaurants which are negligent in this department: particularly notable are raviolis of diced veg with a butter-based sauce. The puddings are light and delightful. The wines include a number of rarely seen bottles such as a Pinot Noir from Savoie. Good service and a generally congenial atmosphere. £90 plus.

The Waterfront
Harbour Yard, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (01-352 4562/4619)
★★★★★
Accomplished newish-wave Venetian cooking in a handsome restaurant overlooking the marina Service is a bit at odds with the kitchen and is stuck in the era of the pepper grinder. The meat dishes are not the kitchen's strong point, but the fish is good and inventive: bass with scampi, scallops with balsamic vinegar, pasta with dried mullet roe. Pooris wines. £66.

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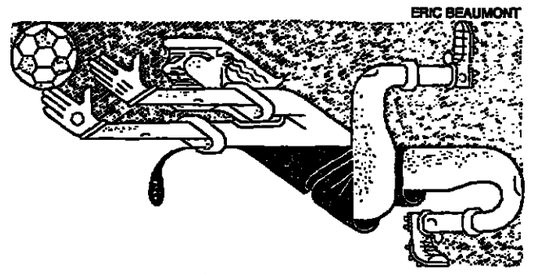
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DRINK

Wine match of the day

It's California versus France, with commentary by Jane MacQuitty

ERIC BEAUMONT



Californian wines are not better than French wines, they are just different. Or are they? Ever since the first publicized blind tasting battle took place in 1979, California has murdered all the competition from both the New and Old Worlds.

Experienced wine hands tend to view these much-publicized Californian victories as not so much a loss for France, more a gain for the New World, whose wines, the argument runs, with more alcohol, colour, weight and fruit (due to more sunshine and riper grapes with thicker, pigment-loaded skins), are bound to shine beside their pale, understated northern competitors.

The latest of these blind tastings took place last week in London. It was a wine-writers-only event, and the invitation stated that the Reserve wines from the Robert Mondavi winery would be judged blind against the classic wines of France from the same vintages and grape varieties. This is not as decent as it sounds, because Californian wines mature sooner than those of France, and should therefore be much more appealing at this tasting. A discreet accompanying card explained that the French opposition would consist of wines such as the Domaine de la Romanée Conti's '85, the '85 Echezeaux, '85 Château Margaux, and '86 Château Lafite — serious stuff, this.

We kicked off with two Sauvignon Blanc wines, a pricey '87 Pouilly-Fumé from Ladoucette (Peter Dominic, £9.95), judged alongside an '87 Mondavi Fumé Blanc Reserve (contact Christopher's, 19 Charlotte Street, London W1 for stockists late next year). The first wine had a pleasant smoky, cinnamon bouquet backed up by a lighter, more verdant, fruity palate. If this was the Californian, I mused in my notes, Mondavi has definitely moved away from the hefty, almost oily Reserve wines he has produced in the past. Wine two, by comparison, was a more traditional, non-oaked, zesty, fresh, flowering currant-like Sauvignon, but its tropical fruit scent and broad palate convinced me that it was from California. Wrong — it was Patrick de Ladoucette's wine, but we all agreed it lacked the extra layer of oak, fruit and flavour that the Mondavi wine displayed, so one up to the Americans.

Chardonnays next, and it did not take too much brain power to work out that the first wine, with its deep gold, buttery, toasty character, was the Mondavi '86 Reserve. It was way ahead of the steely, lean '86 Puligny-Montrachet, clos de la Garennes, from Joseph Drouhin (Rodney Densem, 4 Pillory Street, Nantwich, Cheshire, £33.76), and cheaper. The Mondavi '86 Reserve is available from Christopher's for £13.95 a bottle (also Les Amis Du Vin, 51 Chiltern Street, London W1 and The Winery, 4 Clifton Road, London W9). Two up to the Americans.

On to the four Pinots Noirs. The first wine in this tier was, I thought, obviously Californian. Its rich, ripe, minty and almost eucalyptus-like style could not possibly be Burgundian. It was the '86 Mondavi Pinot Noir Reserve (contact Christopher's for stockists late next year). What marked this wine down as the poorest of the four was its tart, green fruit — it obviously needs time.

Next in line was a Burgundian classic whose robust scents and flavours always spell Domaine de la Romanée Conti. Its tannic, full-frontal character had to belong to the '85 vintage, a red '85 Burgundy hallmark (T&W Wines, 51 King Street, Thetford, Norfolk, £64.40 for the '85 and £63.25 for the '86). The third wine was, I rightly thought, a delicious '85 Mondavi Pinot Noir, whose rich, berry fruit nose and luscious, palate made highly enjoyable drinking but, due to the sheer excellence of the French competition, put it only third in the Pinot Noir line-up. Great value though, priced at £11.30 from Christopher's (also Les Amis Du Vin and The Winery). An utterly delicious '86 Echezeaux completed this Pinot Noir quartet, whose splendid, intense, Romanée Conti character I recognized and felt easily outshone its '85 sister. France 2, California 2.

Cabernet Sauvignon next, much the most difficult section on the table. What gave the game away, to me, was the extraordinarily fragrant, refined, cedar and sandalwood-like scents of the first wine, backed up by deep, rich, ripe fruit. There is only one French first growth noted for its intense perfume and fragrance and this was it, the '85 Margaux (Peter Dominic, £55). The last '86 Caberne with its earthy, savage nos and rustic palate, was sadl typical of the less-than-perfec winemaking recently at Chá teau Lafite. Spotting th richer, fuller, inkier Californi wines among the French wa tricky but not impossible; th sweet, rich, blackcurranty Mondavi was finer than shade-too-tannic and jamm '86. (Write to Christophe for stockists of the '85 whet is shipped over in 199 France 3, California 3.

The last pair were, we found, the easiest to untang 1983 Suduiraut and Mondav '83 Botrytis Sauvignon Blar I liked the light, luscio waxy, multi-layered, mar pan-like '83 Suduiraut (T&W £15.85 a half-bottle). The '8 Mondavi Botrytis offering is quirky wine: an amazin sweet, amber-gold combin tion of lychees and ma malade, overlaid with a gras Sauvignon-like qualit (Christopher's, The Wine and Les Amis Du Vin sell ha bottles for £13.95.) An hot ourable draw between thes two, and indeed in this matc

So, far from being a wall over for the French, it was, i you take the excellent valu for money of the Californiat contingent into account, California-led fight. Why pa £64 for a top-notch Pinot Noi when £11.30 will serve yo almost as well?

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At this time of year the shops are full of tough, awkward fruit and vegetables – but Frances Bissell is not deterred

DIANA LEADBETTER



Some of the best fruit and vegetables now coming into season are curiously some of the most unyielding and difficult to deal with. Think of the tough-rinded pumpkin, the hard quince, the knobbly, bulbous, thick-skinned celeriac, and the dirty-looking salsify. But if you persevere with them, you will be rewarded with unusual and delicious flavours and textures.

Pumpkins come in a range of sizes, from small ones weighing 5-6lb/2.30-2.70kg, to giant size, which are more useful for pumpkin lanterns. As they are harvested fully mature, the outer skin has hardened to a shell which needs a strong sharp knife to cut through it. The flesh inside is a rich orange, with a sweetness akin to carrots and parsnips and surprisingly firm – surprisingly, because it contains a very high water content which causes the pumpkin to collapse when cooked and reduce in bulk considerably. Mixed with sugar, spices and eggs, the purée makes a traditional pie filling. It can also be grated into cake mixtures to give extra moistness. The inspiration for today's soup recipe comes from northern Italy.

Celeriac too makes fine soup, especially with a gamey stock as a base. Its white crunchiness, when raw or just lightly blanched, makes it an excellent candidate for a platter of crudités or salad. But it is one of those vegetables, like salsify, which discolour once they are peeled and the flesh comes in contact with oxygen. Cut the celeriac into quarters, peel each piece, and put into acidulated water. Then slice or dice before cooking or blanching. If you are serving it raw, drain it and mix it, as quickly as possible with a dressing to stop it discolouring. Look for smaller rather than very large specimens, which can be hollow and woolly inside.

There are two schools of thought on how to deal with salsify. One scrubs this long root vigorously, parboils it, then peels and continues cooking it. The other scrubs and peels it, cutting it into lengths and then cooking it. Either way, a swivel-headed potato peeler is most useful. Salsify has a delicate, mild flavour with a silky texture and feel once it is cooked.

If you come across quinces, either imported ones in the greengrocers or supermarket, or home-grown ones from an orchard, snap them up. Do not expect to be able to eat them straight from the fruit bowl. For jam and jelly making, the whole of the fruit is used, as indeed it is if you are using it to perfume a dish. As with apples and pears, quince oxidizes when cut. However, this is what helps to give quince jelly and jam its lovely rich colour. This is one occasion when you should not drop the prepared fruit into acidulated water, but let it oxidize naturally.

Pumpkin and cheese soup
(Serves 8)

- 3 rashers smoked streaky bacon
- 1 large Spanish (or other mild) onion
- 3lb/1.35kg piece of pumpkin
- 1½pt/850ml milk
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 cloves
- 1 can (14oz/395g) borlotti beans
- 1½pt/850ml stock (vegetable or chicken) or water
- 3oz/85g crumbled Lancashire or white Stilton
- 3oz/85g diced Gruyère, Jarlsberg or Gouda cheese
- salt
- pepper
- freshly grated nutmeg
- 1tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2oz/60g freshly grated Parmesan

Remove and discard the rind, and cut the bacon into matchsticks. Put them into a heavy casserole or saucepan, and cook gently until the fat is rendered. Peel and thinly slice the onion, and cook it with the bacon until soft and translucent, but do not let it brown. Discard any seeds and stringy filaments from the pumpkin, and cut the rind away. Cut the flesh into 1in/2.5cm chunks, and add to the pan. Pour on the milk, and add the bay leaves and cloves. Cover and simmer gently until the pumpkin and onion are tender. The pumpkin will start to collapse, but this does not matter, since that is what gives body to the soup. Drain the beans and add them to the soup, together with the stock or water. Stir in the first two cheeses, and season the soup.

Scatter the parsley and Parmesan on top and serve imediately. If you were to add chunks of cooked ham or sausage to the soup, you would have a substantial lunch or supper dish. Sage is a very good herb for this soup, and you may prefer to use it instead of bay leaves.

While celeriac is a favourite addition to casseroles and makes a traditional, slow-cooked, braised vegetable to serve with game or roast beef, it also lends itself well to a simple stir-fry. The flavour given to the rest of the ingredients is that of celery, but the texture is quite different. It is important to slice it thinly for quick cooking.

Stir-fried chicken with celeriac and mushrooms
(Serves 4 to 6)

- 3 x 5oz/140g boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 4 tbsp Amontillado sherry or rice wine
- pinch of five-spice powder or ground fennel seeds
- ¾lb/340g celeriac bulb
- 1 carrot
- ¼lb/110g shitake, oyster or cultivated mushrooms
- 3 or 4 spring onions or baby leeks
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2tbsp soy sauce
- 2tsp toasted sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds

Cut the chicken into oblique strips, no more than ½in/1cm thick and about 1½in/4cm long. Marinate them in the wine and spice while you prepare the vegetables. Peel and slice the celeriac, and then cut it into fine strips, or shave it into strips with a potato peeler. Deal with the carrot in the same way, or cut it into very thin oblique slices. Wipe the mushrooms and slice them. Trim and slice the onions or leeks, and peel and crush the garlic. With a slotted spoon, remove the chicken from its marinade, and let this drip back into the bowl for use later. Dry the chicken on paper towels. Heat the sunflower oil in a wok or frying pan, and when it is hot, stir in the chicken pieces. Add the celeriac and carrots after two to three minutes, and stir-fry these for a few minutes more. Add the mushrooms, spring onions or leeks, and garlic. Stir continuously for another couple of minutes or so, and put the lid on to let it all steam for another few minutes. Add two tablespoons of water, the soy sauce and oil, stir to blend all the flavours, and then turn out into a serving dish. Scatter on the sesame seeds which you can toast yourself by heating them gently in a heavy frying pan. This is very good served with crisp green vegetables such as broccoli, green beans or Chinese flowering cabbage (choy sum).

As well as the large quinces, which resemble apples or pears depending on the variety, the ornamental quince or japonica can also be used for jelly and jam making. These small, round, golden fruit have the same distinctive, flowery scent. If you have only a few quinces, you can mix them with apples. You can also flavour the jelly with herbs such as rosemary, thyme or sage. Quinces are densely fleshed and very rich in pectin, and so will take far more water than some of the smaller, juicier fruits, which need barely enough water to cover them when making jellies.

Quince Jelly
(Makes about 4lb/1.80kg. If you have more or less fruit, double or halve the rest of the ingredients accordingly)

- 2lb/900g quinces
- 3pt water
- 1lb/455g preserving sugar for each 1pt/570ml juice

Roughly chop the quinces and put them, peel, stalks, core and all, into a wide preserving pan. Pour in the water, and simmer gently until the fruit is completely soft. This can take up to two hours with quinces.

Ladle the mixture when soft into a scalded jelly bag or muslin, suspended at four corners over a bowl. I find a jelly bag hooked over the legs of a small up-turned four-legged stool works best. Let the liquid drop through of its own accord, preferably overnight. If you hurry it by squeezing and prodding, and the temptation to do this is great, the resulting jelly will be cloudy rather than jewel clear. Measure the juice into a clean preserving pan, and for each 1pt or 570ml, stir in 1lb/455g preserving sugar. Heat very gently until the sugar has dissolved. You can warm the sugar before you add it, and it will, of course, dissolve more quickly. Once there are no sugar crystals to be seen, bring the mixture to the boil, and boil rapidly until setting point is reached.

Test for this by spooning a little jelly on to a plate, cold from the refrigerator if you are working in a warm kitchen. If the mixture wrinkles when you push it with your finger, it has reached setting point. If you scoop a little of the mixture up with a clean wooden spoon, let it cool for a few seconds, and then drop back into the pan, it has reached setting point if it "flakes" rather than falls in a thick stream of drops. A sugar thermometer, dipped first into hot water and then into the syrup, will show between 103-110°C/200-220°F when setting point is reached. Pour at once into small, clean, hot jars – filling them to the rim. Cover with wax discs, and then with clear film covers to seal. There is usually, in my experience, a little jelly left over. A spoonful or two over thick, ice-cold yoghurt makes a marvellous instant pudding.

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FOOD NEWS

Guide to Britain's best

Two recent books have already earned a place on my "most used" shelf. They are not cookery books but guides to produce, and British produce at that. *Food Focus 1* is an A to Z (well, to Y actually, since Yoghurt is the last entry) guide to fresh agricultural and horticultural produce from Britain. It also includes lightly processed food, such as dairy produce and bacon.

For each item, as well as crop and consumption statistics, there is practical guidance on shopping, storing, cooking and freezing. Although there are no recipes, it contains detailed instruction on, for example, how to make your own yoghurt, and how to stuff and roast a turkey. Fascinating historical background is given: peas, for instance, are known to have been one of the earliest vegetables grown, found in Stone Age dwellings in Switzerland.

The companion volume, *Food Focus 2*, is a directory of sources of unusual and speciality foods, both fresh and lightly processed. Clearly a great deal of research has gone into tracking down suppliers of an enormous range of British speciality produce throughout the country. I have already used it to find suppliers of geese for Michaelmas, and oysters by post.

This is the book for you if you want to find a producer of goat's milk yoghurt, smoked venison, traditional Cheddar cheese, unpasteurized Caerphilly cheese, organic blueberry yoghurt, snails, additive-free meat, organic flour and bakery products, lemon curd or clotted cream.

I have 15 free sets of *Food Focus 1* and *2* to send to the first 15 people to write to Frances Bissell, The Times Cook, The Times, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN, *on a postcard only please*, marking the top left-hand corner Food Focus.

The books are published by Food from Britain, an organization supported by both the food industry and the Government with the aim of helping British farmers and producers to sell more British produce at home and abroad. With these two publications, we can at least inform ourselves about what is available.

If you are not one of the lucky 15, sets cost £19.95 (plus £2.25 postage and packing) from Food from Britain, 301-344 Market Towers, New Covent Garden Market, London SW8 5NQ.

Free fare

This is the time of year to go hunting for free food. Apart from wild mushrooms, which Robin Young wrote about a couple of weeks ago, the hedgerows are full of good things to make into jellies and preserves. You can use the quince jelly recipe in today's cookery column (left) as a guide, and make jellies from elderberries, blackberries, sloes, rowanberries, crab apples, even hips and haws. Single fruit jellies can be made, but mixed hedgerow jellies are very good too, if you only get a small quantity of each. Haws (hawthorne berries) and rowanberries should not be simmered for more than 10-15 minutes, as the juice will develop a bitter flavour. If you use sloes before the frost has had a chance to crack the tough skin, you will have to prick them all over before cooking them. Look out, too, for medlars, barberries, and unripe grapes, all of which will make delicious pots of jelly to set aside for Christmas gifts.

Jelly good

If the idea of hedgerow jellies appeals but you do not have the time to make them, Ridleys Country Chandlers produces an appealing range of produce, one of which is indeed called Spiced Hedgerow Jelly, a mixture of blackberries and elderberries. Their quince jelly is good, and I particularly liked the apple and sloe jelly. This old-established East Anglian brewing family uses what it describes as traditional countrified recipes, and production methods which are small enough to be not too far removed from the ideal of "home-made" – batches are made in just 40 jars at a time. 230g jars cost from between £1.55 and £1.65 from good delicatessens and grocers. Contact Ridleys Country Chandlers (0371 875744) to find your nearest stockist.

Take a bow

Bow ties are being worn on Tuesday evenings for the next few weeks. One belongs to Anton Mosimann, whose first cookery series, *Cooking With Mosimann*, made by Yorkshire TV for Channel 4, goes out every Tuesday evening at 8pm for the next five weeks. He has had a week's start on the owner of the other one, Keith Floyd, whose *American Pie* begins this Tuesday at 8.30pm on BBC2.

FOOD

Cracking good choice

Robin Young shells out for some of the new season's nuts – without salt

People who go gathering nuts in May must be nuts indeed, but autumn is surely time to fetch the crackers for an assault on the new crop.

Our biggest selling nuts, crazily enough, are not nuts at all. Peanuts, for all that they are also known as earthnuts, groundnuts and monkey nuts, are really beans. These days you can have peanuts shelled, roasted, salted, dry-roasted, lightly roasted, honey roasted, barbecue flavoured, hickory smoked, Bombay spiced, "crisp spicy coated to an Indonesian recipe", or even, Lord be praised, natural. I have not yet seen in Britain peanuts salted in their shells, as much enjoyed in America, though a similar treatment is used on sweet, oily pistachios imported here.

The various and proliferating processes which manufacturers apply to peanuts are designed to appeal to palates more jaded than mine. They are variations on the themes of sweet or savoury, and involve discouraging ingredients like hydrolyzed vegetable protein (the monosodium glutamate of the western world), dextrose (corn sugar), gums (polysaccharides), colourants, or excessive salt.

Peanuts in themselves, like most *légumes*, are creditably healthy, rich in fat, but most of it desirably polyunsaturated. They have even been credited with staving off heart attacks, although one is a bit less confident of their benificence when they have been subjected to so much chemical ingenuity.

The price differentials are startling too. A pack of salted peanuts in a pub costs more than 10 times per peanut the price of natural kernels in a wholefood shop.

The most British of nuts, of course, is the hazelnut, and especially the Kentish cob, though these days it is more likely to come from Turkey than Kent. Turkey is easily the biggest producer of hazelnuts, though Spain and Italy are also big exporters. There are few commercial growers now in Kent.

The terminology of hazels is complex and uncertain: hazel trees come in many different varieties, and generally hazelnuts are oblong, cobnuts are round. Filberts are cultivated hazelnuts but may be either shape. The name "filbert" comes from Saint Philibert, upon whose feast day (August 22) the nuts supposedly ripen. Red-skinned nuts seem to predominate now, but there are supposed to be white-skinned and "frizzled" varieties out there somewhere too.

Brazils are really individual seeds of an immense Amazonian jungle tree, which crams a couple of dozen into a woody capsule the size of a coconut. The calorie content is high: in Brazil they still use the oil to burn in lamps and for cooking, though it quickly turns rancid.

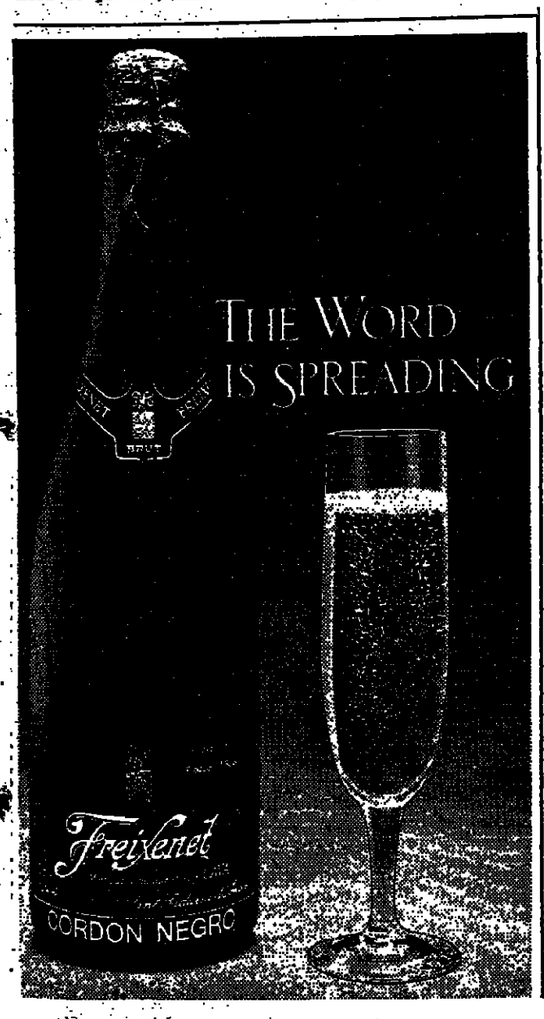
Cashews come from the inside of a "cashew apple", which is eaten raw and from whose astringent juice passable "wines" are made in South America. The nut develops within a hard shell or rind which exudes an acrid oil which has to be removed by roasting. After that the flavour is too delicate and sweet, surely, to be spoilt with salt.



Coconuts as we get them were ruined for me by the experience of freshly cut green coconut in the Seychelles. The milk was copious and sweet, the flesh pulpy enough to eat with a spoon, fresh and fruity. The chewy meat of the fully brown nut inevitably reminds me that coconut oil is not only the world's leading vegetable oil, but also gets into soaps, detergents, candles, and – which may pull you up short – hydraulic brake fluid.

Pecans are related to walnuts, but sweeter and, in the thin-skinned commercial varieties now much imported, easier to extract. Pine nuts are aromatic, starchy seeds from the cones of various pines, traditionally European stone pines or American pinons, but now imported from China too, excellent as a snack or in salads.

Superior to all is the macadamia nut, a native of Queensland now much grown in Hawaii: mini-golf balls, white, crisp, oil-rich and sweet. Yet the food chemists conspire to ruin even this pearly jewel among nuts with hickory smoke, "fruit" flavourings and alien spices. If you are going for a nut, at least let it be a natural one.



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Gentleman Benn

John Campbell dismisses Tony Benn's popular loony image and finds, at heart, a fine old English radical, led astray

AGAINST THE TIDE
Diaries, 1973-76
By Tony Benn
Hutchinson, £20

For Christmas 1976, Caroline Benn gave her husband — in his stocking — a copy of the *Communist Manifesto*. He read it that day, and was bowled over by it. "It is a most astonishing thing," he wrote in his diary, "and I feel so ignorant that at the age of 51 as a socialist politician in Britain I should never have read that basic text before and I am shy to admit it." This is quintessential Tony Benn: innocence and curiosity dangerously combined, like a child playing with matches.

Three years earlier he had stumbled similarly on the Levellers — initially through reading Antonia Fraser's *Oliver Cromwell*, though he was quickly guided on to Christopher Hill, and set aside Lady Antonia in favour of "the serious ideological and historical stuff". "Of course," he noted, "the Levellers lost and Cromwell won, and Harold Wilson or Denis Healey is the Cromwell of our day, not me." (He did not foresee Mrs Thatcher.) Between these two characteristic moments of revelation, which neatly frame this latest volume of his diaries — and enthusiasm for the English revolution and a belated discovery of Marx — the emergence of the technological Boy Scout of the Sixties into the tribune of the polytechnic left in the Seventies may be explained.

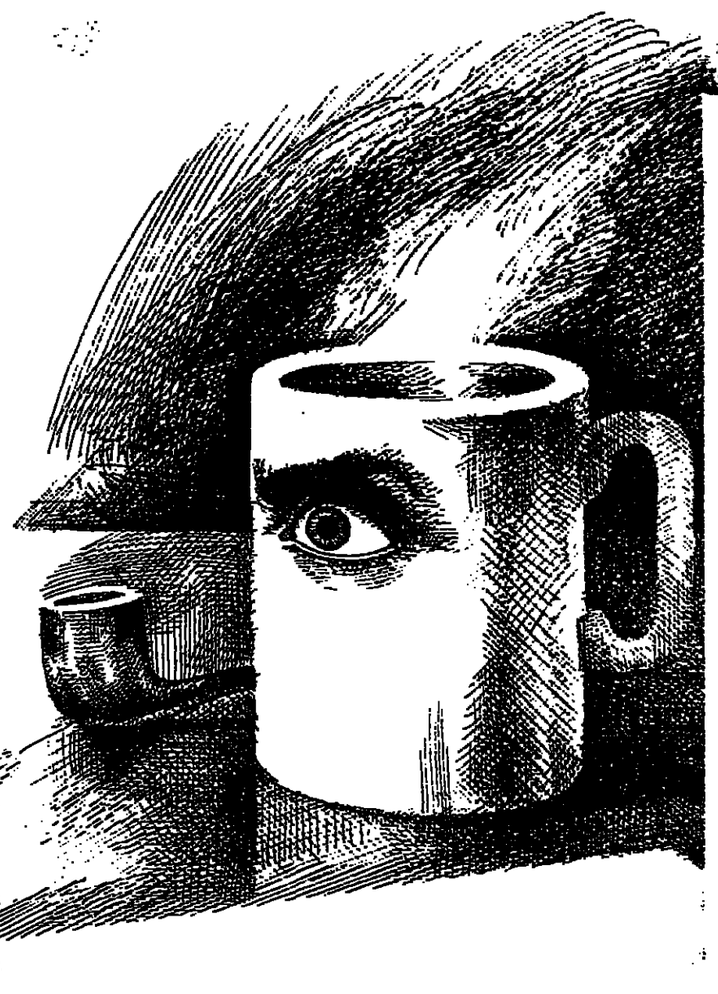
But the earliest formative influence on Tony Benn was his family. He comes of long-established Liberal dissenting stock, and is immensely proud of the fact. Not only his father, but both his grandfathers, were Liberal MPs. At one point in this book he reflects that he has lived all his life in and around Westminster: he even went to school at Westminster. He is thus, in one sense, absolutely of the political establishment, yet specifically of the radical, dissenting tradition which has always existed within that establishment. He is still at heart an old-fashioned radical Liberal, with the inbred self-confidence of his mild eccentricities.

It is his essential liberalism that has led him, paradoxically, to socialism. It is a romantic, egalitarian, catch-all sort of socialism, based on the generous delusion that all views are equally valid, and there are no enemies on the Left. Specifically, it led him, in the 1970s, to a grotesque idealization of the trade unions as the true embodiment of the democratic instincts of the working class; and to welcome the abolition in 1973 of Labour's previously enforced list of proscribed organizations. The first resulted in the humiliation and destruction of the last Labour government at the hands of the very unions on whose support it had relied: the second in the penetration, and very nearly the destruction, of the Labour Party itself by militant and other illiberal elements, over whom Benn had perversely thrown his protection.

But his radicalism has been most consistently and admirably expressed not in his socialism, but in his commitment to democracy. Sometimes naively, but always honourably, Benn has tried to make a reality of a much-invoked ideal, by breaking down class barriers and reducing the distance between the politicians and the people who elect them. This is the serious purpose of his most celebrated gimmicks: the shortening of his name; the trade union banner which he hung in his office at the DTI; his map of Britain, disconcertingly hung upside down. It lies behind his attacks on the honours system, and his warnings against the corrupting accumulation of patronage in the hands of the Prime Minister. It is typified by his sending of his own children to the local comprehensive school. As Energy Secretary in this volume, attending with the Queen the ceremony to mark the landing of the first oil from the North Sea, he is disgusted to see the workers who actually bring the oil ashore penned behind a barbed wire fence 100 yards away. "All the old big-wigs are brought out as if they were somehow responsible for a great industrial achievement, while the workers are presented as natives and barbarians who can be greeted but have to be kept at a distance." No one but Benn would have noticed anything odd. He tells a lovely story of Joe Gormley, over lunch after the opening of a new coal mine, briefly breaking through the protocol to ask the Duchess of Kent cheerfully: "What's your name, love?" "Katharine," she replied. "I'm Joe," he responded. Then he held up his glass and said: "If you can't be good, be careful."

It is Benn's sense of outrage that the will of the people, whenever it finds expression in the election of a Labour government, is systematically thwarted by the unelected Tory establishment, represented by the Treasury, hand-in-glove with the City, that has driven him to extreme solutions and incongruous allies. The present volume records a series of losing battles with this protean enemy: first, his ministerial zenith at the DTI, trying to implement Labour's interventionist industrial strategy (the heady days of planning agreements and the Meriden motorcycle cooperative); second, the rearguard action to get Britain out of the EEC; and third, the Callaghan government's capitulation to the IMF (which Benn sees as a grisly rerun of 1931). Each time he is abandoned by those he calls "the Tory majority in the Cabinet". In defeat, however, he crucially established his moral authority with the Left in the years of recrimination after 1979.

With this third volume of his diary, Benn finally moves out of the shadow of Crossman and Barbara Castle. With Castle no longer in the Cabinet, Benn's is the first diary account we have of the IMF crisis; it is also the first we have of Callaghan as Prime Minister — evidently a gust of fresh air after Wilson. Benn is a good diarist. He is also, for all his follies, a good man. No fair-minded reader can fail to give credit to his dignity and courage in the face of ridicule and persecution, the obscene hounding of his family, and the clumsy attentions of the security services. He is neither loony nor subversive — he would certainly have been more successful if he had been more ambitious — but a fine old English radical led astray by history.



Hot and cold war

THRILLERS
Eric Homberger

SPY LINE
By Len Deighton
Hutchinson, £11.95
TREVAYNE
Robert Ludlum
Grafton, £12.95

These are tough times indeed for writers of spy thrillers, what with the chief of the KGB holding a press conference in Moscow, complete with PR video, and thousands of East Germans pouring through the Iron Curtain with nary an Alsatian or Kalashnikov-toting border guard in sight. There will soon be advertisements for MI5 staff in *The Guardian*. In fact, the spy novel as we have known it died some time last year. Someone must please tell Len Deighton. He needs to be told.

Deighton's most recent novel, *Spy Hook*, was about the defection of Bernard Samson's wife Fiona to the German Democratic Republic, and the subsequent suspicion that he had connived at her treason. *Spy Line* resolves that little humdinger of a marital complication, but feels very much like the slow middle stretch of a longer work. When *Spy Sinker* rolls around next year, no doubt other betrayals and infidelities will have craftily been handled, complications unravelled, and the suspicion dealt with that Samson's father was not all that his son believed him to be.

Deighton has cheekily quipped his way through some two dozen books, mostly spy thrillers. With Samson, the gloomy, seedy, middle-aged hero of Deighton's "Game-Set-Match" trilogy, the thrill is gone. Deighton's characters are burdened with history; everything is tied to the past, and unravels past mysteries. But the long-protected secrets turn out in *Spy Line* to be transparently obvious.

For all his sense of place and feeling for history (he was raised in a little German hotel off the Ku-Dam in Berlin), Samson stumbles through Deighton's plot without arousing concern or much interest. The writing is somnolent, and Deighton regularly reintroduces characters and explains relationships which a first-person narrative should not require. A low-intensity operation, as Brigadier Frank Kitson might say.

But they do these things differently in America. Ludlum makes Deighton seem positively amateurish. *Trevayne* was first published in 1973 under the pseudonym "Jonathan Ryder". It appears now with an introduction in the author's customary vein of understatement ("the United States of America has just witnessed two of the most disgraceful, debasing, inept, disingenuous and insulting presidential campaigns that living admirers of our system can recall").

Trevayne is a Watergate novel, brimming with high-level conspiracies which link the Pentagon, White House, and the Senate to organized crime and to the Gennessee Corporation, whose corrupt tentacles reach into every level of American society. There is even an elderly Jew at the heart of this web (which would have pleased John Buchan).

Ludlum's central character, Andrew Trevayne, is an industrialist, fiercely competent and brimming with integrity, requested by the President to be the chairman of an investigative subcommittee of the Senate, looking into the uncontrollable waste and corruption that bonds together the military-industrial complex. Ludlum is a writer with a good contemporary subject-matter, which, despite the occasional reference to bell-bottom trousers and Sixties slang, remains remarkably topical 16 years after first publication. Ludlum's prose is crisp, urgent, precise. He makes Deighton's little observations about how grotty everything is in Britain seem like tired whingeing. And the best thing about *Trevayne* is that the good guy turns out not to be as good as you think he is.



Bats in the belfry: *Strat and Chatto* by Jan Mark, illustrated by David Hughes (Walker Books, £6.95), is a verbally adroit variant on the old "room for one more", or how to achieve tranquillity by filling your house with visitors and then getting them all to leave

Beware awful warnings

FOR CHILDREN
Brian Alderson

The Last Children
By Gudrun Pausewang
Julia MacRae, £7.95

Those who dismiss children's books as being just about teddy-bears and idiotic helicopters would do well to consult history. Ghastliness abounds. When the young are not being carried up to heaven with consumption, they are being incinerated for dressing too finely, or having their thumbs snipped off to stop them chewing their nails.

Most of these horrors occur in the interests of character-training, and every generation has its own share of didactic entrepreneurs. When, however, like Gudrun Pausewang they inveigh against the barbarities of nuclear war, they shift the debate to a different level. Self-amendment is no longer an issue; conscience-raising is everything.

And with this shift comes a loss of fictional mobility. *The Last Children* may show a sincere purpose, as it depicts the fate of a German family caught up in a sudden war ("Perhaps my story will encourage all of us to begin to resist the threat of nuclear holocaust," says Miss Pausewang). It may portray events as accurately as an informed imagination allows — none of the derring-do that marred Robert Swindell's *Brother in the Land*. But once you have ticked off the inevitable stages of disaster and degradation, where do you go?

Explosion, fall-out, attempted adjustment to primitive conditions, the subsequent spread of disease, malnutrition, deformity and so on. Where's the possibility of story? Pandora's Box has no hope at the bottom.

Story has, of course, given way to Awful Warning. But, unlike the old cautionary tales, this one confronts an issue of such global complexity that it cannot easily avoid charges of naivety.

Colin Wilson finds the rehabilitation of The Great E

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THE KING OF THE SHADOW REALM
Aleister Crowley
His Life and Magic
By John Symonds
Duckworth, £25

When the first edition of John Symonds's biography of Aleister Crowley, *The Great Beast*, appeared in 1951 — four years after the death of its subject — Crowley had been virtually forgotten. I read it in the following year, and my main feeling was astonishment that Symonds had had the endurance to plod on and finish it. Crowley's life went to pieces in the last two decades, and became a series of disasters, defeats and catastrophes — mostly his own fault — that made gloomy and exhausting reading. The first part of his life, although more entertaining, was equally depressing in its way, for Symonds left no doubt that Crowley was a boaster, a bully, a sex maniac, and something of a confidence man.

Of course, Crowley himself saw it quite differently, since he was convinced that he had a mission: to be a world saviour, and Europe's greatest practitioner of ritual magic. Symonds obviously felt that both these aspirations could be dismissed as self-delusion, and his accounts of Crowley's "occult" activities — the conjuring-up of demons and preposterous and nauseating feats of sex magic — have a heavy flavour of irony. Crowley emerges as an oddly out-of-date character, a survival from the naughty Nineties who should — in the interests of historical consistency — have died at the same time as Oscar Wilde. In a kind of sequel published in 1958 — *The Magic of Aleister Crowley* — Symonds describes his own acquaintance with the old necromancer, and makes it clear that he found him rather nasty and unlikable. (His wife went further and found Crowley downright evil.)

A second — and greatly expanded — edition of *The Great Beast* in 1971 had much the same tone. But by now Symonds had received a surprise. Against all odds, Crowley had become a hero of the younger generation; his face was even featured on the cover of the Beatles' *Sergeant Pepper* album. "Unexpectedly," writes Symonds, "the doctrine of 'Do What Thou Wilt', with its encouragement to trample the gods underfoot and take one's fill of love, wine and 'strange drugs', has seized the imagination of this restless world." And, to his embarrassment, Symonds found himself regarded as the chief executor and interpreter of the delinquent guru. He must have blessed his lucky stars that he had refrained from outrigh tion, and kept the in key. In his 1971 pref has become "one of t rebelled against the rosy view of society which was held by the

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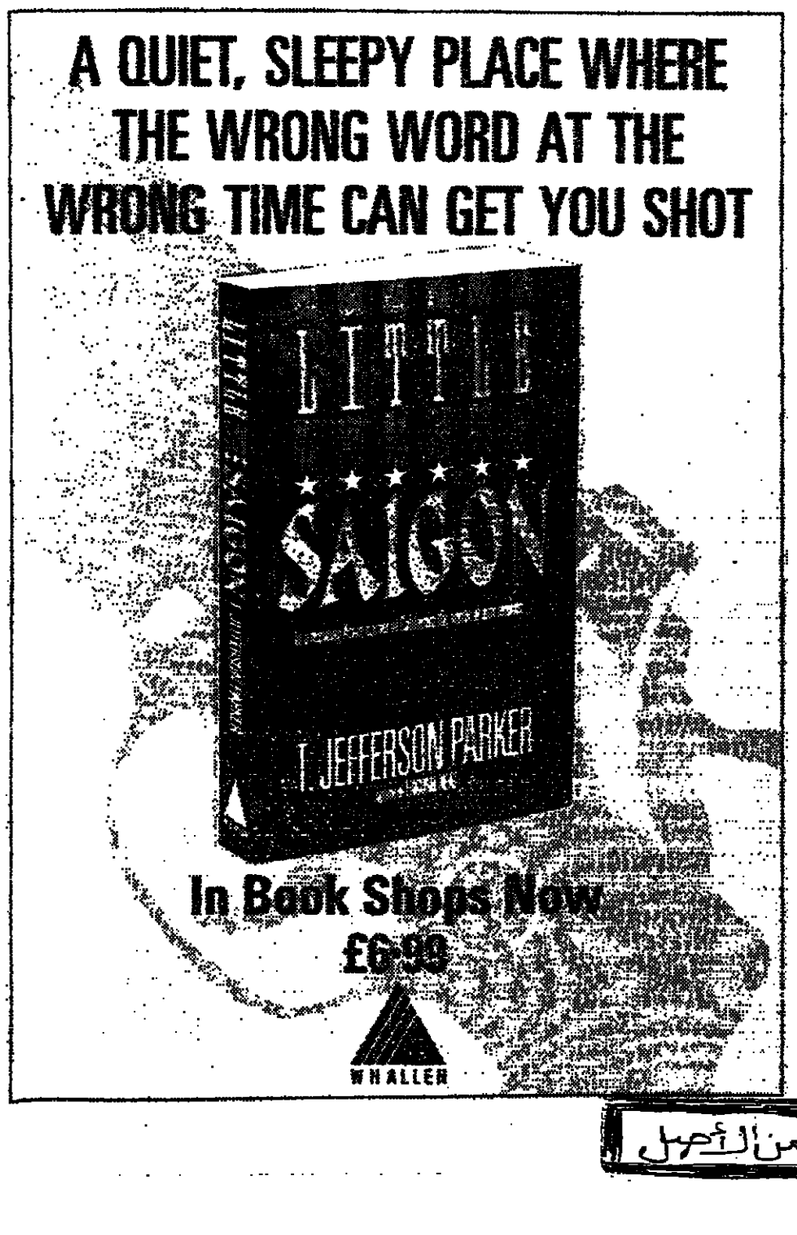
If, as Malraux said, a nation should be judged by the statues it erects, we are a shabbily illiterate lot. For not many writers figure in John Blackwood's compendious and comprehensive account of those we have chosen to put on a pedestal. True, he acknowledges the lack, and comes up with a few bright suggestions of his own — William Wordsworth on Westminster Bridge, for example, or Keats (in Hampstead). Etched on to the back flap is a fill-in-and-cut-out box (the cereal packet approach to publishing) for readers to make their own contributions, both in the way of ideas and financial donations.

The oldest freestanding statue in London, referred to as King Alfred or Father Trinity, was ordered by Richard II in 1385 (at a cost of £2 6s 8d) for Westminster Hall, though it now stands in a bed of yellow roses in Southwark. And it is his descendants, supposedly, who dominate Blackwood's book. Using these lapidary landmarks, Blackwood takes a stroll through the monarchy. His tone is that of a jaunty, fact-thrilling schoolmaster, enlivening his history lessons with anecdote, colourful quotation, and gobbets of gossip. We are informed that Charles II (a rather camp figure who poses in front of what looks like a Swiss chalet in Soho Square) was pleasure-loving, worldly wise beyond his years, and tempted to *accidie*, and that Cibber, who built the statue, also carved the relief for the Monument to the great fire of London, but managed his finances so badly that while working on it he had to return each night to his cell in the debtors' prison.

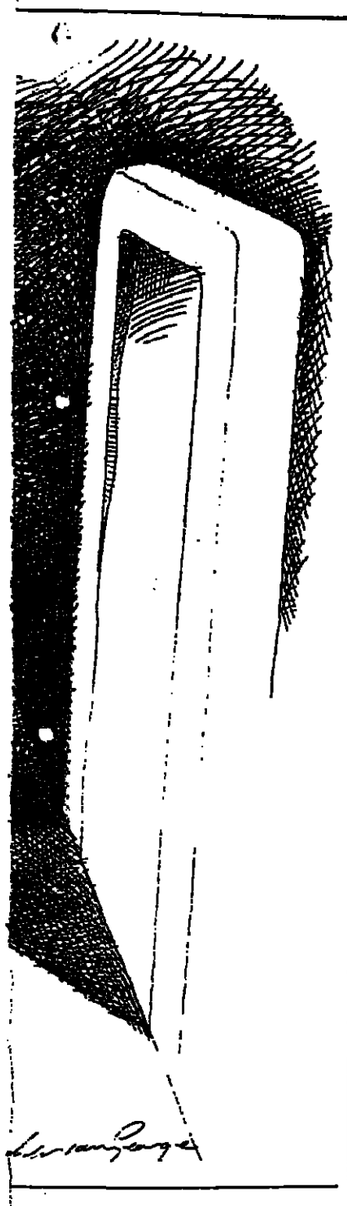
We learn, too, that his father, Charles I, who appears on horseback at the top of Whitehall, was depicted, on the orders of the Lord High Commissioner, as a lofty six-footer, though he was a good foot shorter; and that 100 years ago the lower part of the pedestal of the statue of George III and Queen Charlotte in the forecourt of Somerset House was turned into a urinal. In 1922 Sir Aston Webb, architect of the Victoria Memorial, wrote a letter complaining about this change of use to the Office of Works, saying that "ladies viewing the statue had to suffer the embarrassment of seeing men emerging from behind it adjusting their dress". The urinal was removed and the ladies' blushes spared.

Politicians and military men are the next best represented. To convey their glorious status — and to circumvent what Blackwood calls the "tight trouser problem" — characters are clothed as much as possible in classical gear, ceremonial robes, or uniform. Thus Charles James Fox is elegantly dressed in a toga, as is the stocky figure of George Canning, which, as Blackwood puts it, "pushes idealization to its limits". The same favour cannot be said to have been done for Winston Churchill. I have yet to meet anyone with a kind word for Ivor Roberts-Jones's grotesque lump of bronze in Parliament Square. Given that Lady Spencer-Churchill's aesthetic sensibilities compelled her to destroy Graham Sutherland's portrait of her husband, she cannot have felt any too happy at the unveiling of the statue.

But with some exceptions — Lord Portal looks as if he's covered in Polyfilla, and Monty the



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ruesomely readable

covering Crowley's later years — taken mainly from Crowley's "magical diaries". And all this new information is not entirely an advantage. The original version came to a rather abrupt halt, after a description of Crowley's attempt to sue a publisher for libel in 1934, when the indignant judge described him as wicked, vicious, and abominable. This was followed by a brief chapter describing Crowley's final years, which was like a sudden final curtain on a play that had already run far too long. Now, with a "last act" that goes on for 100 pages or so, and which consists mainly of Crowley's own descriptions of poverty, diarrhoea, and acts of oral sex with various "scarlet women" (the Beast became impotent in the last decade), the book reads more than ever like a Rake's Progress followed by a death scene in Bedlam.

If it sounds as if I am complaining, let me hasten to add that the book is almost gruesomely readable. Crowley spent so much time building himself the reputation of "the Wickedest Man in the World" that he can hardly complain if a biographer devotes as much space to acts of dishonesty, meanness, pettiness, and downright stupidity as to the "magical experiments" which Crowley regarded as the essence of his life. Symonds may be loathed by the new generation of the Beast's magical disciples (of whom there are now thousands), but he has undoubtedly written a kind of appalling classic.

PAPERBACKS

Not so simple, Simon

Stuart Tendler

UNDER FIRE
My Own Story
By Simon Hayward
W.H. Allen. £6.99

Friday, March 13, 1987 is a date Simon Hayward will remember for the rest of his life. Driving on a snowbound road in Sweden, Hayward, a 32-year-old captain in the Life Guards, skidded to an abrupt halt as police forced him off the road. Hidden inside the Jaguar car was a consignment of cannabis.

From the day of his arrest Hayward, released from a Swedish prison last month, has always denied his role as a drug smuggler. In *Under Fire* he sets out again the case for the defence, chronicling an extraordinary fall from grace.

The car belonged to his brother Christopher, who has not been seen since the drugs were discovered. Hayward, on leave from his regiment, was asked in Ibiza to drive the car to Sweden, where Christopher, strapped for money, had arranged to sell it. The Swedish police on the trail of international traffickers were lying in wait.

At first Hayward concealed his brother's role, eventually paying dearly for his fraternal loyalty when he began to change his story and undermined his credibility. The man he was due to meet in Sweden gave evidence against him, and the Swedes drew on an array of evidence, some of which clearly would never have been admitted by an English court.

An intelligence report prepared by English detectives and damning to Hayward became part of the evidence, in spite of the fact that it was no more than unsubtantiated hearsay. A screw-driver that Hayward says he bought to fix his loose driving seat was turned by the police into a key tool to uncover the drugs.

The Swedish prosecution claimed they had captured a young soldier lured into trafficking by perhaps a misguided sense of adventure. Hayward believes he may have been unwittingly used to smuggle the drugs because the smugglers thought his status and character would dupe Customs controls. A jury might well have acquitted Hayward in a court in this country, but he was facing a very different judicial system, one which kept him in solitary confinement for over three months before his trial.

Not surprisingly *Under Fire* is a bitter book, one that would have been better written by a third party, a less involved voice. At times the book reads almost like a highly chauvinistic 1930s account of derring-do against the awful foreigner. Police seem constantly to be "sneering" and judges to be snoozing. The prosecution blunders along, tripping itself up, only to be saved by the unwavering desire of the Swedish courts to convict.

Yet throughout the account and his considerable tribulations, Hayward still finds it in his heart not to condemn his brother out of hand. One day Christopher will re-emerge, and *Under Fire* may have a new conclusion — if not a sequel.

The Islamic dilemma

Malise Ruthven

THE STRUGGLE WITHIN ISLAM
By Rafiq Zakaria
Penguin, £5.99

With the Muslim world currently going through one of its periodic cycles of political and spiritual turmoil, this book is a timely reminder that what seems to be happening now has often happened before. The Prophet Muhammad, who united the Arabian tribes for Islam in the 10 years before his death in AD632, exercised spiritual and political leadership in equal degrees. That his successors, the Caliphs, should have found this an impossible act to follow is hardly surprising. From the first, their rule was challenged and undermined by the pious scholars, the 'ulema, who accused them of violating the strict injunctions laid down by the Prophet and the Qur'an, the collection of revelations presumed to have been transmitted through him from God. Although most Muslim jurists eventually reconciled themselves to the imperfections of worldly rule, the yearnings of the pious — whom the author equates with modern political fundamentalists — never ceased to act as a destabilizing factor, by encouraging rival leaders to challenge the existing order in the name of restoring the "true", unsullied Islam of the Prophet and his contemporaries.

Does this mean that Islam is incompatible with ordered, democratic government as practised, albeit imperfectly, in the West and aspired to, almost universally, everywhere else? The author, a distinguished Indian Muslim MP and former Special Envoy of Mrs Gandhi to various Muslim countries, thinks not. Basing his case on the *de facto* separation between religion and politics that arose after the Prophet's departure from the scene, he argues that Islam "has never preached kingship or dictatorship", and that one of its cardinal principles, the absolute equality, before God, of all believers, means that Islam "stands for democracy in action". Unfortunately, the evidence he adduces inclines one to the opposite conclusion. While it may be true that the primitive tribal policy presided over by the Prophet 15 centuries ago was democratic by the standards of the time, the fact that edicts issued by him came directly from God, were binding on believers, and that on several occasions the divinity ordered or allowed Muslims to make war on unbelievers, even in self-defence, suggests that the good Muslim must give priority to the laws revealed by God over those enacted by any mere human legislator.

The command to "enjoin the good and forbid the evil", addressed to the faithful in the Qur'an, is a binding commitment; and while liberals such as Dr Zakaria may interpret it in terms of personal morality (just as the Sufi mystics often interpreted the command to wage the jihad, the holy war, against unbelievers in terms of the struggle against purely moral evils), some will always be prepared to take direct political action in furthering what they believe to be Islamic goals: we need look no further than the streets of Britain to confirm this.

Zakaria, however, makes an eloquent plea for tolerance and rationality from a Muslim perspective. He points out, correctly, that it has been the secularists, much reviled by the fundamentalists, who have made by far the greater contribution to the survival and prosperity of the Muslim world in our time:

> *In their muddled zeal the modern fundamentalists forget that it was not Hasan al-Banna (founder of the Muslim Brotherhood), Maududi (the Pakistani fundamentalist thinker), and Sayyid Qutb (the Egyptian activist executed by Nasser in 1962) who freed the Muslims from colonial exploitation and gave them a better and more secure future, but Ataturk, who despite his heresies, saved Turkey from the clutches of European power; Jinnah, a non-practising Muslim, who single-handedly created the most powerful Muslim state in the world; Nasser, who liberated the Arabs from the foreign yoke and gave them new strength and hope; Sukarno, who brought freedom to more Muslims than any other leader, and united Indonesians under one banner.*

The fundamentalists in Iran, by contrast, have been decisively defeated in war; and despite the clamour in Pakistan and the Arab world, there is every sign that, under democratic conditions, they cannot win more than a *fraction of* popular support. Unfortunately, as Benazir Bhutto has every reason to fear, this will not prevent them from seeking to undermine democracy whenever the occasion arises.

Zakaria writes eloquently about the plight of India's Muslims, explaining the deep-rooted sense of insecurity that has erupted, in recent years, in the Shah Banu divorce agitation, the conflict over Hindu access to the Babri Masjid mosque in Ayodhya — and (though this book was written beforehand) the Rushdie affair, which is directly linked to the Babri Masjid through the propagandist activities of the vociferous Muslim MP, Syed Shahbuddin, who launched the attacks on Rushdie last September. Zakaria is much less sure-footed in dealings with the Arab world. It is astonishing, in a section on the Sudan, to find the former prime minister, Sadeq el Mahdi, described as a "fundamentalist", while his arch-rival, Dr Hasan al Turabi, leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, whose tactics were partly responsible for Mahdi's overthrow, goes unmentioned. The text is also marred by some sloppy writing and errors of fact — including the dates of the great Arab historian, Ibn Khaldun (1332-1406), to whose memory the book is dedicated.

Youth will out

W.H. Auden and Louis MacNeice were 23 years of age in 1930. Cecil Day Lewis, Christopher Isherwood and Graham Greene were no more than 26. Stephen Spender was just 21 and Dylan Thomas a mere 16.

Yet, as Valentine Cunningham argues in this fascinating, definitive literary and cultural history of the years 1930-1939, it was those young men and a dozen or so of their contemporaries who went on to set the literary agenda of the decade. Their sensibilities, rather than the established reputations of the old guard, made it a period in which one was "too old at 40" — sorry, T.S. Eliot (42 when the decade dawned), Virginia Woolf, James Joyce (both 48) and W.B. Yeats, already an advanced wrinkly of 65. Sorry, sorry, sorry.

In itself this is not, of course, a new view. Cunningham knows he is tilling well-tilled ground. But he goes far further, and in a superbly detailed account of the period demonstrates exactly *how* the common world-view of "the youthies" (his term) was at once different from their elders', and more in tune with the times.

As the most cursory reading of Auden's early poetry reveals, cabals, cliques and conspiracies were all part of the literary landscape of the Thirties. Cunningham describes how Auden and his followers (Roy Campbell lumped them all together as "MacSpaunday") were themselves a coterie. Their shared experiences — of Great War childhoods, absent fathers, public schools, and university Eng Lit — as much as Auden's much-chronicled undergraduate charisma drew them together.

The fact that, like Auden, so many of them were homosexual helped too. It is undoubtedly true that the careers of, among others, Auden, Isherwood and William Plomer were nurtured by elder members of what Cyril Connolly dubbed "the Homintern".

But, Cunningham goes on, that was just the start. In the unique political climate of the Thirties the youths' predilections for blond German boys, working-class lads, or men in uniform had wider repercussions. For those "toughs" (as E.M. Forster had called them) were themselves incarnations of the problems of the age. It was contact with working-class lads such as Spender's secretary, T.A.R. Hyndman, rather than a familiarity with the dialectical dullness of Marx, which reinforced the anti-fascist, pro-communist sympathies of what Connolly called their perpetual adolescence.

Ironically, such "bumslapping" also sorted out the men from the boys. Noting that Hyndman at least served with the International Brigade in Spain, Cunningham goes on to describe the "high failure" of his youthies: Auden's chaste mythologizing of the — uniformed — airman, and Spender's mooning after those who were truly great.

It would be wrong to make too much of this between-the-sheets side of things; it occupies no more than 40 of the book's 530 pages. On the other hand, it does exemplify Cunningham's method. For just as he relates public-school homosexuality to the international situation, so too does he incorporate the blasting and bombardiering of Wyndham Lewis and the serious experimentation of Beckett and Woolf. What's more, he is also capable of linking them all to such contemporary mundanities as the middle-class crazes for yo-yos and hiking. Indeed, this is what primarily interests him.

Readers without a knowledge of "post-Saussurian semiotics" might want to skip two opening chapters in which he discusses text, (con)text, and "dual existence"; but they do define his parameters. And it is only in the light of their discussion of the range of "potential meanings" contained in a work, and the responsibility a critic has for "dissecting, arranging, revealing the nature of a period", that one is able fully to appreciate the comprehensive brilliance of the book — and why Margaret Kennedy (*The Constant Nymph*), Hugh Walpole, P.G. Wodehouse, A.J. Cronin, and the majority of the "Famous British Writers" depicted on cigarette cards issued by Messrs Wills in 1937, are virtually ignored. Unlike the youthies, they failed to respond to the (con)text of their times.



Boys on the beach: Christopher Isherwood, left, buries his friend Heinz

Hugh David

BRITISH WRITERS OF THE THIRTIES
By Valentine Cunningham
Oxford University Press. £9.95

The end of the nuclear family?

Dinah Birch

GRACE
By Maggie Gee
Abacus, £3.99
THE FOURTH MODE
By N. P. Figgis
Penguin, £4.99

It must be exasperating for advocates of British nuclear energy to find its image perpetually infected by our dread of nuclear war. No amount of smiling publicity quite succeeds in dissociating Sellafield from Polaris. Both technologies exploit hidden processes which only a highly-trained minority can understand or control: both have an unimaginable capacity for destruction.

Maggie Gee's *Grace* is a post-Chernobyl novel. Paula lives, with her amiable lover Arthur and his two-year-old child, alongside a railway line transporting radioactive waste through London. She campaigns against the nuclear industry, which to her mind represents all that is secret, violent, or contaminating in British society. Since all she sees around her falls under at least one of those three headings, that means the sealed flasks grinding past her bedroom window have a lot to answer for. Paula feels continually nauseated — or poisoned? She also feels watched, harassed, and threatened. So does her dauntless aunt Grace, who at 85 can look back on a lifetime of protest and rebellion. Their paranoia is justified. The house next door is occupied by Bruno, a maniacal private detective whose unhappy childhood has left him with a taste for thuggery and gaudy women's clothes. Bruno is infatuated with nuclear power, and he wants to do away with the opposition.

Maggie Gee's writing is driven by solid moral purpose. Nuclear power is an expression of something larger and yet more sinister than itself — a diseased masculinity that has created a dirty Britain. All her characters, and her readers, are compelled to confront grimly instructive truths. But these sombre disclosures do not make *Grace* a hopeless novel; its stubborn faith in regeneration makes it a book to be reckoned with.

The frivolous reader will find even less merriment in N.P. Figgis's desolate new novel, *The Fourth Mode*. But then, the perils of frivolity are what she wants us to recognize. Figgis has attempted the inconceivable: she has taken a long hard look at what it might feel like to live through the days before a nuclear strike. Living after the strike, for the inhabitants of Martinminster, is not an option, for their village is next to the military zone which is the enemy's target. Flight is impossible. There is no petrol, and no time.

The pressure of emotion in the book erupts into passionate language, often refined into the distinction of poetry. But poetry is something else that isn't going to survive. Stephen, who is as close to a hero as anything this book has to offer, keeps a bookshop. The approaching disappearance of his stock means nothing beside his own annihilation and that of the loved woman he has found too late. Other families make futile discoveries about themselves, some choosing obliteration before it is chosen for them — out of kindness, or revenge. The novel's black conclusion (as black as Figgis could make it) comes as a relief. No doubt it was meant to. The point of this novel is that novels aren't the point. It's up to us to make sure it stays safely on the fiction shelf.

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same — London's statues are not too much of an affront to the senses. If anything is the problem, it is that, by constant exhibition, these statues lose something of their eye-catchingness. The excellent photographs by Caroline Irwin, Richard Cheatle and Philip Ward Jackson help to e these monuments to us, and encourage ook at them with a fresh eye. Weighing in rly 4lb, *London's Immortals* is not the practical guide to slip under your arm as troll through London to observe the ry, though it should prompt you to take roll. And there is a final chapter, "Where lk" to help you plot your journey.

Murder most murky

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

DEVICES AND DESIRES
By P. D. James
Faber. £11.99

Bleakness of the landscape; bleakness of the soul. P.D. James has returned, compulsively, to her chosen territory of physical and emotional gloom.

Devices and Desires is a climactic work, synthesizing all her obsessions — moral, sexual, and psychological. The desolate Norfolk headland on which the story is set becomes a character as potent as any human one. In one direction a nuclear power station, in the other the ruins of a Benedictine abbey. Inland, a strangler of young women, who leaves a mournful whistle as his only clue.

Commander Adam Dalgliesh, on holiday in a converted windmill, is reluctantly drawn into the search for the psychopath; and discovers the mutilated body of Hilary Roberts, a senior administrator at the power station.

The hallmarks of "the whistler" are all there — except that the whistler himself had been found dead hours before.

Despite an implausible sub-plot, involving terrorism, James's novel is disturbing and challenging, penetrated by acute insight into human torment. The conversation revealing the killer's identity is as brilliant a dissection of moral choice as any I have read.

It is an absorbing, flawed novel, and one which, I suspect, cannot easily by followed in the same vein.

QUICKLIST

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books out this week:

FICTION

Gog, Magog, and King Ludd, by Andrew Sinclair (Sceptre, £6.99 each) First paperbacking of the Albion triptych, the fictional fantasy, poetic pageant, spicy satire, and prophetic history of England.

What is the Matter with Mary Jane?, by Daisy Waugh (Sceptre, £3.99) Lively first novel around the unmentionable topic for fiction of anorexia nervosa.

Why Diamond Had to Die, by Richard Burns (Bloomsbury, £4.99) Thriller with wild Irish roots.

NON-FICTION

The Duel in European History, by V. G. Kiernan (Oxford, £7.95) Fascinating social study from the medieval origins of the aristocratic practice to the final flings of 20th century.

The Life and Times of William Shakespeare, by Peter Levi (Macmillan, £7.95) Life and times and the literary connections by a poet who knows the questions to put to the old chameleon.

The Oxford Book of Legal Anecdotes, edited by Michael Gilbert (Oxford, £4.95) Foibles and fallibities of the pompous.

The Warrior Queens: Boadicea's Chariot, by Antonia Fraser (Mandarin, £4.99) From war queens to modern iron ladies.

DORIS LESSING
THE FIFTH CHILD

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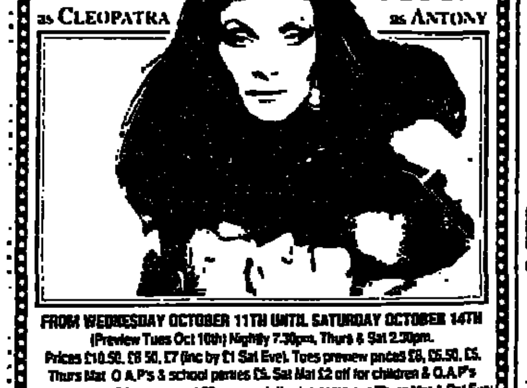
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THE ARTS

Boxing clever

TELEVISION
Oscar Moore

Joyce Carol Oates summed it up when she explained Mike Tyson's cynicism. Why should he care for "all these white people, who have paid a lot of money to see two black men trying to kill each other"?

Yet Oates is no anti-boxing lobbyist. She is one of the sport's literary fans, called to give witness in the *Omnibus* film, *Art In The Ring* (BBC1). She was joined in her testimonials by such literary pugilists as Norman Mailer, Budd Schulberg, Vernon Scannell and the late Ernest Hemingway. It was Hemingway who gave the game away. His struggle to be the world's greatest writer, toughest man and most fearless hunter has become a by-word for misplaced machismo.

These are men of the pen who want to be men of the fist. The truth is that any boxer offered a quick ticket out of the ghetto via the typewriter instead of the fist would be dumb not to chose the typewriter. It might take longer, and be more lonely, but it does not leave you punch-drunk, brain-dead and broken-nosed before you reach 30.

Kim Evans's *Art In The Ring* carefully avoided throwing its towel in with any one of its witnesses. It simply offered the evidence of a love affair between writers, film-makers and boxing. So while Mailer was claiming that the fight is "a kind of narrative form" in which boxers "debate with their bodies" and "have an angry conversation," the editor of *Ring* knocked out Mailer's conceit with a deadpan counterpunch: "People like to see semi-naked men trying to beat each other up."

Compared with the warriors of the boxing ring, wrestlers seem vulgar, daft and funny. They are as harmless as two clowns pratfalling in a circus ring, and in Mexico, where masked wrestling is a huge spectator sport, they are as acrobatic as circus tumblers.

El Santo was the most famous masked wrestler in Mexico. Jonathan Ross took *The Son of the Incredibly Strange Film Show* (Channel 4) to meet the son of the amazingly strange Santo and came back with a very pedestrian programme. Ross is a bit like the B movies he celebrates. The joke wears thin after the first reel. But there are always two more to go.

Distinguished divas in London: **Barry Millington** reviews Joan Sutherland; **Hilary Finch** hears Ileana Cotrubas

The ecstasy and the *addio*

Joan Sutherland
St John's

Ever since the elegant Baroque church of St John's, Smith Square, was restored after wartime bomb damage and reopened for concerts in 1969, its generous acoustics have made it popular with audiences and record companies alike. But the organ case houses no instrument, and it was to remedy this situation that St John's launched its latest appeal.

Giving their services for the Organ Appeal on Thursday night were Dame Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonynge in a royal gala recital. The programme was one of lovesick ballads by 19th-century Italian and French composers, with an Irish one thrown in for good measure (an aria by Balfe from *The Bohemian Girl*). Not many masterpieces among them, but Dame Joan's artistry almost made one unaware of the fact. Bellini's student composition "Dolente imagine di Fille mia"



Dame Joan: could do no wrong

may not have seemed too promising a start, but in fact it allowed Dame Joan to demonstrate how to extract maximum expressive potential from the simplest phrases.

More than one song ended in rapt ecstasy, a mood conjured inimitably by Dame Joan with the merest thread of sound, perfectly sustained. A group of Massenet songs brought a touch of class to the proceedings, Bonynge accompanying his wife with scrupulous regard for her needs, if somewhat spinelessly.

If the audience of wildly enthusiastic admirers was at all disappointed by the inclusion of only one coloratura aria out of 20 numbers, it did not show. The exception was the last item, "Io non sono più l'Annetta" from *Crispino e la comare* by Federico and Luigi Ricci. After a deftly executed cadenza, Dame Joan seemed to suffer a memory lapse and the piece ended in a shambles. But for this audience, who gave the singer a thunderous ovation before she had opened her mouth and on every possible subsequent occasion, she could do no wrong.

Ileana Cotrubas
Covent Garden

Her last *addio* had to be that of Violetta, although Mimi's "Addio, *senza rancor*" had come before and had spoken, both verbally and musically, most directly to the heart. Ileana Cotrubas chose Covent Garden to make the first of her last farewells, and it was an occasion which unostentatiously epitomized those qualities which endeared her to her British public over the last 20 years.

Her programme concentrated on repertoire which clearly had strong personal resonances. It began, for instance, with four songs by her Rumanian compatriot, George Enesco. Each setting of Clement Marot's tender, *archaic love poems gave voice to the* distinctive lyric soprano with



Cotrubas: unostentatious farewell

dusky Slav undertones and a clarity of response that communicates so directly.

After a lively, tripping selection from Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch* Cotrubas, with characteristic enterprise, turned to Joseph Marx, the conservative Viennese composer-critic who had mopped up those poems in the *Liederbuch* which Wolf's pen never reached. With Geoffrey Parsons relishing their all but orchestrated piano accompaniments, Cotrubas made us almost believe these to be as great as Wolf's settings. The high, gleaming "strahlend" in the final line of "Hat dich die Liebe" literally beamed its way forward.

In the operatic arias, risk-taking was part of the generosity of her performance. Norina (Covent Garden, 1974 and 1979) chuckled her way through "Quel Guardo" from *Don Pasquale*; Verdi's Leonora turned the knife in her ever-intensifying repeated cries of "fatalità", her long sighs for peace in "Pace pace mio Dio" from *La forza del destino*.

Covent Garden never, alas, heard Cotrubas as Manon; not, that is, until Thursday night when Massenet's recitative and aria "Adieu notre petite table" provided one more poignant and irresistible farewell.

Television glories going to waste

Is serious drama being squeezed out of television? Playwright Stephen Poliakoff fears so, as he tells **Harry Eyres**

Just about the last thing the writer Stephen Poliakoff wanted to talk about was his award-winning television film, *She's Been Away*, to be screened tomorrow. This may seem an odd reaction on the part of someone whose work has been garlanded with prizes at the Venice Film Festival, notably the Best Actress Award shared by Peggy Ashcroft and Geraldine James. But Poliakoff is attending rehearsals of his new play, *Playing with Chains*, which will open at The Pit in November with Michael Pennington in the lead.

"I've always spent 60 per cent of my time writing for the theatre and 40 per cent for TV, and I still derive a greater thrill from having a play in the theatre," says the author of *Breaking the Silence* and *Coming in to Land*. Does this reflect a general disillusionment with television drama?

"No, I believe that good drama on television is one of our great traditions, which is deeply under threat because of deregulation. Some would argue the threat has already been realized because ITV's commitment to plays has practically vanished.

"The trouble is that the television establishment has been very bad at fighting back. My big argument with the television authorities in the past — I would exempt the new team at BBC Drama, who are coming up with some admirable things — is that they have flushed their best work down the waste disposal and forgotten about it. If they'd been showing the great glories of TV drama constantly late at night, the proponents of deregulation would not be able to point at Saturday night on ITV and say that it is rubbish, as it undeniably is.

"This is partly the problem with the arrangement made years ago between the BBC and Equity, which meant that everyone had to be paid every time a play was shown. They can buy a terrible movie for 10p and show it forever, whereas our best indigenous drama gets shown only once."

JOHN MANNING



Poliakoff: I believe that good television drama is deeply under threat

At 35, with his bird's nest beard, black, curly hair and shapeless jeans, Poliakoff still looks like an undergraduate. It was only at his insistence, he says, that the BBC re-screened his 1980 television play, *Caught on a Train*, a couple of weeks ago. Yet *Caught on a Train*, a moody piece about an encounter between a proto-Yuppie and an elderly Austrian emigrée (Peggy Ashcroft's first Poliakoff role), topped the network's ratings for the week. "That showed that when people have a chance to see old TV drama, it's often wildly popular. It seems that my work, which critics call oblique and which has no overt sex or thrillerish excitement, has quite a wide appeal."

She's Been Away is not exactly a mainstream work either — very little sex ("The lack of full-blown love relationships in my work is a gap which I'm beginning to find intriguing", says the author), and the apparently difficult subject of an old woman's release from a mental hospital. Yet, according to Poliakoff, "it's selling as cinema all over the world, for good money. And there is no chance in a million years that *She's Been Away* would have been made by an American TV company."

Some have seen *She's Been Away* as a campaigning piece about the inhumanity of closing mental hospitals, but it seems more concerned with a kind of upper-middle-class English emotional repression, an outlawing of strong feeling, which afflicts both Lillian (Ashcroft, playing the old woman released after being "put away" for 60 years, following an unhappy affair) and Harriet (Geraldine James, brilliant as the frustrated wife of Lillian's stockbroker nephew, with whom she goes to live). This forms the basis of their unlikely alliance."

Poliakoff is no slouch at self-analysis, or self-promotion. "What differentiates me from my contemporaries, perhaps, is that I work from character, from relationships. That may have something to do with being half-Russian: I'm in no sense a Chekhovian writer, though I enormously admire Chekhov, but there could be something in the blood.

"There's also an element of emotional involvement, which my work seems to demand, and to which audiences respond. I write big virtuoso parts. We have seen a lot of jolly theatre and a lot of cold theatre in the 1980s, but not much visceral, emotional theatre."

Poliakoff is gloomy about the future. "A simple question about the arts in the late Eighties is why everything has gone downmarket. One might glibly answer 'Thatcherism', but it is a worldwide phenomenon. Yet there is an enormous untapped appetite for serious work. I cannot think of a single serious play that has been well-received by critics that has not succeeded in the West End. But theatre management will put on nothing but musicals or shows with big stars. Why is it that when people have more money to spend on the arts than ever, the powers who decide these things are determinedly pushing their products below the level of what they really want?"

● *She's Been Away is screened on BBC1 tomorrow at 9.05pm*

Barnstorming, colourful scintillation

CONCERT
Stephen Pettitt

CBSO/Rattle
Birmingham Town Hall

How long before Mark-Anthony Turnage composes a piece called Symphony? His new work for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra bears the title *Three Screaming Popes*, after three Francis Bacon canvasses that are themselves based on Velasquez's portrait of Pope Innocent X.

Exuberant and brash the music may be — Turnage suggests as much by saying it is a continuum of his punchy opera, *Greek* — but it is also rather more than a simple reaction to the work of two other artists. It takes on its own life and develops organically, helped by Turnage's clear concept, and intuitive integration, of form, line and rhetoric.

The music, and not least its violence (Turnage assures me he is not always going to write so pugnaciously) bears a direct relationship to *Greek*. There is much that is grotesque as well as lyrical, and sometimes those two qualities seem almost to merge. Remnants of a tango are audible now and then — Turnage originally intended to distort a set of Spanish dances just as Bacon had distorted Velasquez — and there are the usual raw jazz elements.

The orchestral colours are gaudy: three screaming piccolos, wailing high saxophones or bassoons, solidly striding and thematically significant double basses, incandescent splashes of metallic percussion. But, above all, Turnage's sense of theatricality is once again allied to a sureness of direction and an ear for the richest harmonies. It augurs well for his forthcoming three-year Radcliffe Fellowship in Birmingham. Rattle and the CBSO gave the work the kind of scintillating, barnstorming performance it deserved.

Bush brownie points

RADIO
Martin Cropper

Douglas Adams, creator of *The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, has lately been turning his attention to more terrestrial matters; he has, so to speak, run out of space. His new series *Last Chance to See* (Radio 4, Wednesday) is a trailer for a book, to be published early next year, in which he and the zoologist, Mark Carwardine, record their globe-trot in search of endangered species. You can see the gleam in the publisher's eye: while scoring brownie points for its concern with what rock stars until recently called "the ecology", the project also enables a popular novelist to encounter bizarre sauna commensurate with his pre-determined sense of whimsy and bathos.

On radio, this ambition suffers from the unavoidable lack of illustration. When the searchers, with local help in the shape of a tracker mongrel, finally caught up with a rare flightless parrot in New Zealand, the listener learnt that the bird was about the size of a chicken and had long whiskers. It delivered a few peevish squawks for the microphone, then everyone went home for tea. The whole thing was so wretchedly constructed that I am still not certain which human voice was Adams' and which Carwardine's; towards the climax of the hunt a soprano intruded and one was left to assume that this was the sound recordist.

A rather more numerous endangered species is the Chinese nation, whose survival through decades of oppression, famine and war may be taken as a Malthusian paradigm: the greater the depredation, the more robust the birth rate. *The Chinese People Stand Up* (Radio 4, also Wednesday) opened a six-part history of the People's Republic with recollections of the bad old days before the bad new days. An English woman recalled seeing a drunk in a rickshaw belting out operatic arias while his family marched behind. They were dressed in mourning; he was an opium addict on his way to execution and they had taken the precaution of dosing him with a drug.

DAVID BUCKLAND



High-flyer: Michele Smith of the Second Stride Company

DANCE
John Percival

Heaven Ablaze in His Breast
Towngate, Basildon

This production brings together two groups approaching music theatre from different sides: the dancers of Second Stride and its choreographer Ian Spink; the singers of Vocem, with Judith Weir as composer. Their joint enterprise is neither dance nor opera, but something between, including much speech for all the performers. It offers an elaborate jigsaw puzzle of fragments from E T A Hoffmann's life and work to illustrate a complex essay on romantic art and attitudes.

The starting point is The Sandman, the tale which also inspired the ballet *Coppelia* and the Olympia episode in the opera *The Tales of Hoffmann*. Cross-references abound: not a lot of was *Offenbach present, but* Delibes took his place in a succession that went from Schubert to what sounded like Britten.

Doppelgänger, diabolism, romantic agony, clear and defective vision are among the themes. With many of the roles double-cast, with singers and dancers all speaking too, with a simultaneous vocal translation when one of the singers bursts into German, an atmosphere of illusion and confusion complements the *deconstructive style of* production and score. Antony McDonald's designs similarly embrace multiplicity. The sets include landscapes in contrasted styles, rooms that can be taken apart and reassembled *elsewhere, photographs* and screens. Eyes inevitably play a big part in the action, with ophthalmic tests, spectacles, stereoscopes, blindfolds and telescopes involved.

The cast cope with all this *admirably. Michael Popper*, dancer, and Martin Lindsay, baritone, carry the main burden as the two aspects of Nathanael, with notable contributions also from Andrew Gallacher as a rotund, dark-voiced *Dr Copelius and* Frances Carty as a sinuously beautiful, slyly witty mother. All this is clever, fascinating, stimulating, and looks splendid on the stage of Basildon's new Towngate Theatre, but it *is never really moving. The* one essential feature of the romanticism it confronts, the power to thrill its audience, is missing. In this it perhaps resembles Offenbach's opera; surprisingly, for all its artifice, the Delibes ballet can come closer to a truly heart-rending effect.

Peasant passions

THEATRE
Jeremy Kingston

The Devil and Stepashka
New End Theatre

This tense 90-minute piece, cleverly adapted by Claire Booker from Tolstoy's short story, *The Devil*, makes one realize afresh how some sort of Russian Revolution was going to be needed to jerk the landed classes out of their base complacency.

Zhenya, a youngish landowner, has shot and killed the peasant girl whose splendid breasts — "large enough to feed a regiment" — continue to plague his thoughts long after he has ended the affair and married the gentle, pale, refined and infinitely less passionate Lisa.

Obedient to the lines of thought that rule in a male-dominant society, he blames his feelings on the object of his desire: she must be a devil to have made him run through shoulder-high nettles for the bliss of her kisses.

Sooner than shoot himself, for that would leave his young wife a widow, he shoots the girl, Stepashka — significantly doing so in the chest.

The play shows how his barrister friend (David Beckett), elegant wife and a jury of Petersburg landowners let him off with a nine-month jail sentence. "And less with parole," adds the beaming lawyer.

When it really looks as *though Zhenya will get away with* his crime, one's sense of outrage is overwhelming, powerfully reinforced by Penelope Asquith's riveting performance as the submissive sister of the dead girl. She cannot *deny that Stepashka was* brimful of all the joys of life but these virtues are twisted into vice under the barrister's questioning, and she weeps at her inability to counter his contempt.

***Simply and effectively* staged by David Gillies, for the Duke's Head company of Richmond, the set contains just the essential elements of prison cell, witness box and waiting room, and the production's telling rhythm sweeps across the stage from one to the other and back again.**

An added interest is the awkward decency of Zhenya (Terence Budd), who recognizes his crime. At the end he is left entangled between his vision of the dead girl (Miriam Cooper) embracing him from behind while his wife (Susie Jenkinson) vainly tries to simulate peasant passion from his front.

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JAZZ

Clive Davis

Iain Ballamy Balloon Man (Editions EG EGED63)
The Jazzmobile All Stars (Taylor-Made TL1003)

Iain Ballamy is only 25 years old, or so the reference books say. After listening to **Balloon Man**, it is tempting to call in the Fraud Squad to examine his birth certificate. No 25-year-old could possibly play with so much confidence and maturity.

A founder-member of the Loose Tubes big band (anti-big band might be a better description), Ballamy has long been a player to watch. Like so many of the Tubes' off-shoots, however, the quartet that he has co-led with keyboard player Django Bates has often preferred pastiche and parody to anything more substantial.

All that has changed with this record, Ballamy's debut as leader and possibly the most assured session so far by any player of his generation. Though his live performances have been swamped by in-jokes and ethnic accessories, he has finally found a balance between passion and instrumental skill. Where most of his contemporaries are still at the stage of reproducing the favourite licks of their favourite saxophonists, Ballamy sounds absolutely individual, even when moving between alto, tenor and soprano horns.

His rhythm section comes up to the same standard. Bates, bassist Steve Watts and drummer Martin France are all equipped to cope with Ballamy's swerves and feints. After the clutter of electronics on Bates's live dates, it is a particular pleasure to hear the luminous keyboard tone favoured on most of the tracks here. It will be fascinating to see whether the musicians can sustain the same empathy and sense of restraint during concerts.

Ballamy establishes his technical credentials at the outset with the feverish interplay of "Mode Forbode", and he has his moment of whimsy on "Jumble Sale" and "Rahsaan". But it is the controlled emotion of 'Remember' and 'All I Ask Of You' that are most memorable. Personal grief inspired the latter piece, an arrangement of a hymn presented to Ballamy after the death of his wife, Jessica. It is a dignified memorial.

In Britain, the American pianist Billy Taylor has achieved fame of sorts as composer of the music that now seems to be known as "Barry Norman's theme tune". In his native country, he is better known as one of the founders of Jazzmobile, an organization that has done much to popularize jazz in the poorer communities of New York.

Taylor set the scheme in motion 25 years ago after helping set up the Harlem Cultural Council. The idea was to launch a series of summer concerts by leading artists performing on a mobile stage. Over the years, the stars included Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie. The operation was later expanded to include lecture programmes and instrumental classes.

In the **Jazzmobile All Stars**, Taylor leads a sextet of musicians who have played a role in the organization. His regular sidemen, Victor Gaskin (bass) and Bobby Thomas (drums), are joined by Basie, tenor, and flute player Frank Wess, Jimmy Owens (trumpet/flueghorn) and Ted Dunbar (guitar).

Apart from Lee Morgan's "Ceora", all the tracks on this enjoyably brisk session are Taylor originals.

Didactic or not, the music seldom lacks flair, reminding us that Taylor is still an under-rated composer. Wess, bustling through his choruses, steals most of the honours.

UPDATE

Gene Harris Quartet Listen Here! (Concord CCD 4385)
Displaying the more lyrical side of the blues-based pianist, on a studio date featuring guitarist Ron Eschete and Harris's old pal Ray Brown on bass. Not Harris's finest hour, perhaps, but more than enough until the next live date.

Lee Konitz In Rio (MA Music A737-2)
An inimitable voice smothered by cloying fusion and string arrangements. Konitz does his best against the odds.

Art Blakey & The Jazz Messengers Standards (Paddlewheel 292E 6026)

Recorded live at Sweet Basil's in September of last year. Blakey chases his young team through familiar material, from "Moanin" to "I Get A Kick Out Of You".

More gold to harvest

ROCK

David Sinclair

Neil Young Freedom (Reprise WX 257)
Joe Strummer Earthquake Weather (Epic 465347 1)
Big Audio Dynamite Megatop Phoenix (CBS 465790 2)
Jeff Beck Jeff Beck's Guitar Shop (Epic 463472 1)
The Jesus and Mary Chain Automatic (blanco y negro BYN 20)

The tale of the ageing rocker who releases his best work of the decade has become the cliché of 1989. We have seen the trick being turned in rapid succession by Lou Reed, David Bowie, Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith and Bob Dylan. Now, as this unlikely bandwagon gathers pace, another haggard figure, guitar in hand, prepares to leap aboard. Welcome back Neil Young.

Rock, like jazz before it, has become more than ever a repertory music, with musicians of whatever vintage no longer being swept along (or swept aside) by the latest fashionable trends, but concentrating instead on simply writing and playing to the best of their ability in whatever idiom that might happen to be.

For Neil Young, having tried his hand with varying results at everything from neo-metal to synthesizer-pop, with dollops of acoustic country and Republican politics on the way, *Freedom* marks a return to the quavering Dust Bowl laments and heavyweight country-rock blueprint which he drew up with such conspicuous success on his *After the Goldrush* album, as long ago as 1970.

His Greenwich Village folk roots push through on the opening number, an acoustic version of "Rockin' in the Free World" which is one of those heartfelt diatribes against contemporary social injustice that has become a staple for the likes of John Cougar Mellencamp. The same song is then given a barnstorming electric band arrangement at the close of the second side.

Sandwiched between is an astounding catalogue of sinewy, rough-hewn music which stands comparison with the best of his portfolio. Outrageous patches of overloaded power guitar explode like kegs of gunpowder during the moody, cowboy Mexicana of "Eldorado". Thunderous squalls of noise drift across the metre of "Don't Cry", and he lays waste to Lieber and Stoller's standard, "On Broadway", with a furiously demented vocal and a gibberish solo.



Back on track: like his elderly contemporaries, Neil Young has realized that the old ways still work best

No less convincing are the quiet, sparse constructions of "Crime in the City" and "The Ways of Love", where the appeal of the melody and the sense of conviction in Young's performance offset the variable pitching and raggedly tremulous timbre of his voice.

What Young, in common with many of his elderly rock music contemporaries, has realized is that it is often the old ways and the old combinations that still work the best. Joe Strummer and Mick Jones, formerly the heart and brains of the Clash, are from a younger generation, and still have a way to go before they reunite with Paul Simonon (currently hacking round the college circuit with his group Havana 3AM) and Topper Headon for a grand comeback tour of the American stadiums.

But their work apart from each other has that curious, half-finished quality which beset the solo albums of both Mick Jagger and Keith Richards. Apart from his contributions to film soundtracks, including *Walker* and *Sid and Nancy*, Strummer's Earthquake **Weather** is his first solo album proper.

It rambles. "Gangsterville" incorporates up-tempo acoustic rock, steel-band reggae, a sub-Cream wah-wah solo, and a tumbling profusion of spluttered lyrics, and that's only the first of 14 tracks. There are no truly memorable songs, and nothing is focused for long enough to have any significant impact.

Jones is now on to his fourth album with Big Audio Dynamite, and on **Megatop Phoenix** the diminishing returns have set in with a vengeance. "The best band in West London: B.A.D." yells a voice at the start of "Rewind", a modest enough claim, but one that is becoming debatable for all that.

Jones's feathery voice sounds more anaemic than ever, and the emphasis on sampling and electronic jiggery pokery coupled with yet more romantic vagabond lyrics about cowboys and Indians and wandering around the wild West End is now a formula whose battery has run down. Still, full marks for the outstandingly pithy couplet in "Baby, Don't Apologize", which begins: "I stand and sing/Hit wood and string". Joe Strummer could make something out of a lyric like that . . .

Jeff Beck, whose work rate has slipped to a level that barely enables him to maintain visibility, releases his third album of the decade, **Jeff Beck's Guitar Shop**. The line-up is stripped down to bare essentials, and features just Tony Hymas on keyboards (incorporating synthesized bass) and the outlandishly gifted drummer Terry Bozzio (Frank Zappa, UK).

Beck's quicksilver soloing rampages across a bluesy package of (principally) instrumental material, including one awesome messed-time boogie titled "Big Block". However, Bozzio is underemployed, and it is not on balance a great Beck album (the last such being 1980's *There and Back*). With only nine short tracks on offer, it has a rather slight feel, but in sharp contrast to the bland Eric Clapton and the withered Jimmy Page, the man is obviously still blessed with an impeccable and enduring talent.

The Jesus And Mary Chain clearly have a talent for something, but it is difficult to tease out the essence of it. **Automatic**, their most straightforward collection of melodies to date, is an extraordinary combination of the sophisticated and the naive. For all their much-vaunted obsession with the Velvet Underground, reflected here in a glaringly obvious Lou Reed pastiche, "Halfway to Crazy", I hear more prominent echoes of the Ramones on "Here Comes Alice".

There are some wonderfully raw and bleeding anarcho-guitar noises at the end of "U.V. Ray", again during a heady sequence of drum machine breaks in "Take It", and liberally interspersed throughout the grungy "Gimme Hell". But there are times, as during the stiff and unconvincingly contrived "Blues From a Gun", when they are not doing anything much to differentiate themselves from a bunch of weedy bubblegum *arrivistes* such as Transvision Vamp.

● **David Sinclair's rock record reviews will appear on Fridays from next week.**

UPDATE

Ian McCulloch Candleland (WEA WX 303)
Former Echo and the Bunnymen leader makes a cautious solo début with the emphasis on retrenchment rather than exploration. Stiff feel, but graced by many a poignant lyric and delicate sense of melody, as on "Proud to Fail" and the title track.

The Wonder Stuff Hup (Polydor 841187 1)
A secure follow-up to last year's surprisingly successful *Eight Legged Groove Machine*. Energetic pop-rock leavened with a dose of modern psychedelia and a superficially throwaway attitude. They have that distinctive Black Country sound most commonly associated with Pop Will Eat Itself.

John Hiatt Y'All Caught? (Geffen 924 247 4)
Compilation subtitled "The Ones That Got Away 1979-1985", comprising material from before his *Bring the Family* breakthrough. Sounding at times like a cross between Springsteen and Costello, the gifted singer-songwriter romps through early favourites including "Slug Line", "Riding With the King", "The Crush" and many others.

Tracy Chapman Crossroads (Elektra EKT 61)
Another direct collection of protest and relationship songs which will not disappoint those who purchased last year's début and hanker after more of the same.

Magnificent stars outshine the music

CLASSICAL

Paul Griffiths

Wagner: Tannhäuser Domingo, Baltsa, Studer, Royal Opera Chorus, Philharmonia/Sinopoli (DG 427 625-2, three CDs)

With a Spanish hero, a Greek Venus and an Italian conductor, this is one of the most Mediterranean of Wagner recordings, and many of its rather few successes are achieved against the odds. Perhaps it shows us the Wagner of an alternative universe, a universe where he triumphed at the Paris Opéra (it is the "Paris version" we hear) and became a sort of Meyerbeer. In which case an all-purpose star cast might work, and Giuseppe Sinopoli might well be the ideal conductor — giving the fast music an immediate thrust with a Verdian thrill in each note, pacing the Act 1 and Act 2 finales to prove how embarrassingly close they can be taken to the grand opera style, and in slower music often ladling out an orchestral cantabile that makes Wagner a progenitor of Mascagni.

The intermezzo, as one has to call it, after Wolfram's "O du mein holder Abendstern", is a case in point, but the less connected music after this shows the problems of the Sinopoli approach. His highly erratic tempos shred the orchestral fabric: one hears a woodwind gesture here, a brass chord there, a lightning flash of string excitement somewhere else. The powers of metre and harmony to secure longer continuities are untouched: the pilgrims' music, for instance, shows Sinopoli's ability to iron out the differences of beats, while his weak bass and extreme speeds generally disrupt all but the most short-term harmonic movement.

The middle section of "Dich, teure Halle" is one of many moments where the music becomes strangely meaningless. Possibly Sinopoli is aiming for an *adagio parsifaliano*, but the long-range implications are lacking, and the events subtending the voice become loose, almost arbitrary — quite apart from the fact that the speed makes things difficult for Cheryl Studer as Elisabeth. She, though, can clear any hurdles: the voice is wonderfully firm and true, the tone exultant, and yet at the same time vulnerable. In a recording so full of oddity and puzzlement, it is good to find a recognizable Wagnerian face. And there is another in Andreas Schmidt's sympathetic Wolfram, noble and intimately drawn, while Barbara Bonney provides a cool-bright, very engaging Shepherd, and Matti Salminen a generally majestical Landgrave.



Doing it her way: Agnes Baltsa, playing far away from home this time

Placido Domingo's Tannhäuser is also, of course, abundant with beautiful singing, and his German, except for an occasional tendency to drop final consonants, is good. But it is not quite good enough for him to make it work: the language feels like a transparent sheet thrown over the music, so that the generous and intelligent phrasing seems purely a musical matter, having nothing to do with the text. This smoothes out expressive possibilities, which is possibly why one is so conscious of hearing a Domingo performance rather than a portrayal of the errant knight errant. It also means that the faster music, where the words force themselves on Domingo's attention and upset his serenity, is less successful.

Agnes Baltsa is another who does things very much her own way. Her recording of the *Wesendonk Lieder* proved the viability of a Wagnerian style skidding from *Sprechgesang* into full, flaming lyricism for the top notes, but in the context of a dramatic performance the effect is mannered and uncontrolled. The Venusberg scene, sung by two of the most familiar and distinctive voices of our time, sounds like a dialogue of champions, both playing far away from home territory and obliging their audience to either cheer or wait for the falls.

It is hard to know whether it is hubris, masochism, fashion or simple marketing that is leading star singers into unsuitable repertory — often behind a box front that defies disbelief, for here is an anxious, beharped Domingo looking every bit as unlikely as Jessye Norman did smiling coyly out from a blanket on the recent *Carmen*. Of course, Domingo and Baltsa are never boring and often magnificent; they are just never for a moment anything but Domingo and Baltsa.

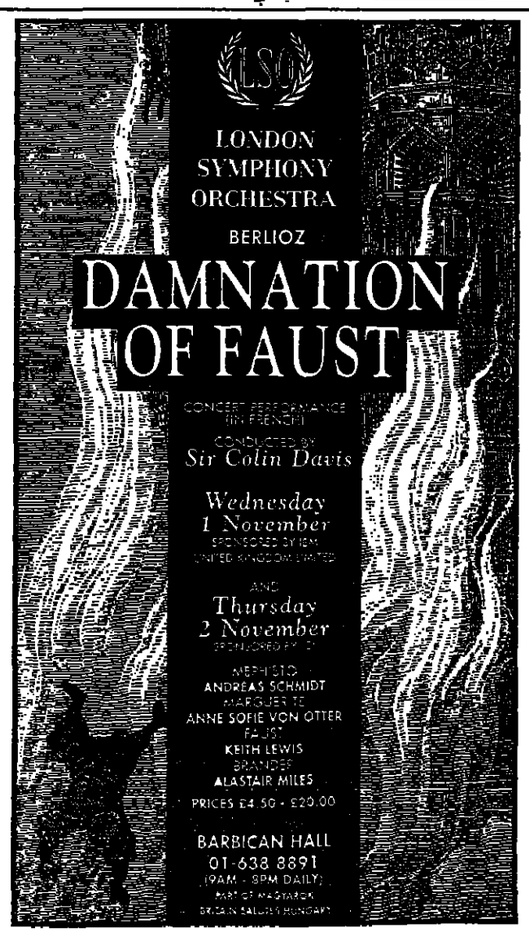
UPDATE

Rossini: Le Comte Ory Soloists, Opéra de Lyon/Gardiner (Philips 422 406-2). **Rossini: L'italiana in Algeri** Soloists, Vienna Philharmonic/Abbado (DG 427 331-2)
It has been a happy autumn for Rossini. Philips's *Ory* captures the gentle but sophisticated flavour of his final comic opera; on DG Abbado is full of zest in one of the composer's earliest successes.

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BBC1, Wed, 9.35-10.25pm.

I'VE HEARD THE MERMAIDS SINGING (1987): Patricia Rozema's well-received study of women in love opens a Channel 4 season of films from Canada.
Channel 4, Wed, 10-11.40pm.

JAZZ

KEITH JARRETT: Returning to the concert stage with his "Standards" Trio, featuring Gary Peacock (bass) and Jack DeJohnette.
Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Mon.

HUGH MASEKELA: A three-week residency from the South African trumpeter.
Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747). Mon to Sat Oct 28.

MAX ROACH: Concluding dates of the drummer's Contemporary Music Network tour, with a chamber-style quartet including trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater.
Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham (details 021 236 3889/2392), tonight; Shaftesbury Hall Theatre, Cheltenham (0242 523690), tomorrow; St George's Hall, Exeter (0392 219741/211080) Mon; Memorial Hall, Barry (04465 4848) Wed; The Astoria, Leeds (0532 742486), Thurs; RNCM, Manchester (061 273 4504) Fri; Norwich Jazz Festival (0603 660352/618499), Sat Oct 14; Haymarket Theatre, Leicester (0533 539797), Sun Oct 15.

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GALLERIES

DAVID LEE

The canvases of Ivon Hitchens (1893-1979) are characterized by a progressive simplification in windscreen-wiper sweeps of colour which encapsulate his responses to light and foliage. But their apparent spontaneity often conceals elaborate preparatory underdrawing. In the 1930s Hitchens was a force in avant-garde circles and, alongside Sutherland, Moore, Nash and Piper, dabbled in abstraction and surrealism. But like most English painters of real distinction he soon returned to what he knew best, namely responding to the English landscape in a purely painterly way. "My pictures are painted to be listened to," he said. *Ivan Hitchens: 45 Paintings*, opens today at the Serpentine Gallery, London W2 (01-723 9072). The exhibition subsequently travels to Edinburgh, Preston and York.

EDWARD WADSWORTH (1889-1949): Centenary exhibition of paintings by a British vorticist and surrealist.
Cartwright Hall, Bradford (0274 493313). From Thurs.

IMAGES OF A GOLDEN AGE: Loan exhibition of 17th-century Dutch paintings, including Rembrandt, Hals and Vermeer.
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (021 235 2800). From today.

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Thoughts of love: Bernard Hill, playing Joe, has some angry words for his wife (Pauline Collins), pushing her to romance in Greece in the lively, human film, *Shirley Valentine*

CINEMA

GEOFF BROWN

The British director Lewis Gilbert is remarkable. Popular taste and film-making fashions come and go, but Gilbert — 70 next year — ploughs ahead, turning his hand to anything that comes along: Bond adventures, youth-oriented romances, wartime hymns to the stiff upper lip. His most recent success was the 1983 *Educating Rita*, based on Willy Russell's play. Author and director are reunited in *Shirley Valentine*, Russell's award-winning one-character comedy about a Liverpool housewife who rediscovers her youthful zest on a holiday in Greece. Hannah Gordon is now playing the role at the Duke of York's Theatre; but the film version stars Pauline Collins, who scored a personal triumph with the play both in London and New York. Gilbert and Russell have not made a one-character film, however; all the invisible *dramatis personae* — from Shirley's dullard husband to Costa, the Greek who rekindles the flame of romance — are brought to life. (Tom Conti, with moustache and caricatured accent, plays Costa.) Shirley still talks to the audience, imparting Liverpudlian wit and wisdom directly into the camera. But this is nothing new for Gilbert: he played that trick with Michael Caine 25 years ago, in *Alfie*.
Empire (01-437 1234), from Friday, certificate 15.

THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18): Peter Greenaway's mordant tale of love, revenge and *haute cuisine*, with Michael Gambon and Helen Mirren.
Lumiere (01-836 0691). From Fri.

YOUNG EINSTEIN (PG): In which young Albert Einstein, son of Tasmanian apple farmers, discovers gravity and rock'n'roll. Inventive, wacky comedy from Australian satirist Yahoo Serious.
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THE ABYSS (12): Mysterious extra-terrestrials bewilder divers inspecting a stricken Navy sub on the ocean floor. Handsome nonsense from writer-director James Cameron.
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LOLA (PG): Welcome revival of Jacques Demy's seductive first feature, made in 1961, with Anouk Aimée as a nightclub dancer. Plus Godard's sparky *Une femme est une femme* (1961).
Everyman (01-435 1525). From Fri.



Worldly: a towering Rhonda Burchmore and little Anthony Newley

THEATRE

TONY PATRICK

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA: Kate O'Mara, Peter Woodward, in the British Actors' Theatre Company production, which will be touring.
Wimbledon, The Broadway, SW19 (01-540 0362). Opens Mon.

THE CHERRY ORCHARD: Judi Dench, Ronald Pickup, directed by Sam Mendes in Michael Frayn's translation of Chekhov.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404). Previews from Thurs. Opens Oct 24.

SUICIDE FOR LOVE: Ninagawa Company from Japan in eight *performances of Matsuyo* Akimoto's play; English plot commentary spoken by Vanessa Redgrave.
Lyttelton, Royal National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Opens Mon. Until Sat.

THEATRESPORTS: Teams of improvisers and guests compete in a 10-week season of late night shows.
Boulevard, Walkers Court, Brewer Street, W1 (01-437 2681). Fri only, 10.30pm.

Rhonda Burchmore, who co-stars with Anthony Newley in the new production of his and Leslie Bricusse's 1961 hit *Stop the World — I Want to Get Off*, is almost 6ft tall and, as this Australian singer/comedienne puts it, "with the 5in stiletto heels they've given me, I tower over Tony on stage. His character is called Littlechap, so there's no doubt about what's intended. I play his wife, Evie, an English Rose type, and also all the different women around the world with whom he, an ambitious businessman, has affairs. I am a Garbo-esque Soviet, an American businesswoman and so forth, with some especially quick changes at the end, where, after Evie dies, he has a dream featuring all his lovers in succession, and then realizes that he has only ever loved himself." The show, directed by Newley with Martin Duncan, includes the songs "What Kind of Fool Am I?", "Gonna Build a Mountain" and "Once in a Lifetime". Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Previews from Fri. Opens Oct 19.

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JULIA MARGARET CAMERON: Perhaps the finest of the amateur Victorian photographers.
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CONCERTS

TETZLAFF'S TURN: Christian Tetzlaff performs Schoenberg's Violin Concerto with the BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes. Fore and aft: Brahms's Symphony No 3 and the Prelude and Liebestod from Wagner's *Tristan*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Today 7.30pm.

AMBACHE PARISIENNES: Both playing the piano and conducting the Ambache Chamber Orchestra, Diana Ambache presents music by two Parisian lady composers — Emilie Candeille's Piano Concerto of 1787 and Louise Farrenc's Nonet of 1849. Also Mozart's *Concerto K 271 and Haydn's* Symphony No 85.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Tues 7.30pm.

SUH SOUNDS: Ju Hee Suh solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 with the LSO under Neeme Järvi, preceded by Beethoven's Egmont Overture, followed by Brahms's G minor Piano Quartet orchestrated by Schoenberg.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Thurs 7.45pm.



In the street: Kristine Ciesinski, Richard Van Allen and Janis Kelly

OPERA

HILARY FINCH

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: *Die Walküre* continues its run, with James Morris and Gwyneth Jones.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). Tonight 4pm, Tues 5.30pm, Sat Oct 14, 5.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: On Tues, David Alden's controversial production of Verdi's *A Masked Ball*. Tonight, Wed and Fri, Nicholas Hytner's thought-provoking *Magic Flute*.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: *Le nozze di Figaro*, now conducted by Peter Maxwell Davies (Tues, Thurs); and Ivor Bolton conducts *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (Wed, Fri).
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

OPERA NORTH: Ronald Eyre's new *Peter Grimes* (Wed); *Tosca* with Mary-Jane Johnson tonight, Tues and Fri; and Mozart's *La finta giardiniera* on Thurs.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351).

Carl Davis describes it as "the best musical in town", but Kurt Weill thought of it as an opera. Weill was inspired to write *Street Scene* after seeing Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess*. He chose Elmer Rice's play about the Depression in Manhatten on which to base an opera written for a specially assembled Broadway cast of opera singers, show people, actors and dancers. When Scottish Opera staged the British premiere of *Street Scene* in May, it was described by one critic as "a work of music theatre that knows precisely what it wants to do and does it". Now David Pountney's production arrives in London, opening on Thursday for a run of *15 performances*. A *cast led by* Kristine Ciesinski and Richard Van Allan will find themselves tested by a melting pot of folk, blues, New Orleans jazz and sheer Hollywood, with what Davis, who conducts, describes as a solid core of classical European opera. This is Davis's début in the pit of the Coliseum. English National Opera, *Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161).

DANCE

DANCE UMBRELLA: The first London event is Jean-Claude Galotta's cheerfully anarchic *Mammame* at Queen Elizabeth Hall (01-928 8800), Mon, Tues. Another French company, Cré-Ange, is touring with its entirely inventive *Noir Salle*.
City College, Norwich (0603-618499) Mon, Tues; Green Room, Manchester (061-236 1676) Oct 14.

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Two more performances of *Hobson's Choice* today; *Swan Lake* Mon to Wed. Then the company premiere (Fri) of Balanchine's *Divertimento No 15* with *The Dream* and *Solitaire*.
Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486).

ROYAL BALLET: *Rubies, requiem* and *Ashley Page's* new *Piano*, Mon and Thurs, plus Sylvie Guillem with Laurent Hilaire in Robbins's *Other Dances*. Guillem dances *La Bayadere* Fri.
Covent Garden, WC2 (01-240 1066).

LONDON CITY BALLET: Premiere of Andre Prokovsky's *La Traviata*.
Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage (0438 354568).

ROCK

DAVID SINCLAIR



Stirring: the Neville Brothers

With a stirring combination of soulful melodies, shimmering percussion, rousing saxophone and languid funk syncopations, the Neville Brothers bring a sizeable chunk of their native New Orleans to London tonight. Few albums have delighted the critics this year as much as the Neville's *Yellow Moon*. But chart success remains elusive, and has done since the four brothers — Aaron, Art, Charles and Cyril — formally convened as a working band in 1977. Yet both Aaron and Art enjoyed solo hits in the Fifties and Sixties, while Art and Cyril were members of the Meters, the greatly admired New Orleans equivalent of Booker T and the MGs. Tonight, tomorrow and October 21, Town & Country, London NW5 (01-284 0303).

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International 2, Manchester (061 224 5050), tonight; Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236) tomorrow; Studio, Bristol (0272 276193), Mon; University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603 505401), Wed; Town & Country, London NW5 (01-284 0303). Thurs. Fri.

DE LA SOUL: UK début for the Long Island rappers who brought a new friendly, wistful quality to the genre with their *3 Feet High and Rising* album.
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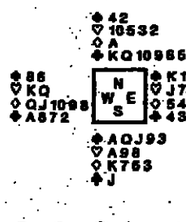
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Pavilion, Glasgow (041 332 1846) Wed; Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081), Fri and Sat Oct 14.

CHRISTY MOORE: Irish politico-folk singer.
Irish Centre, Leeds (0532 480887) *Thurs; Royal Court, Liverpool* (051 709 4321), Fri.

BRIDGE

The Poles have been recognized as scintillating card players for many years. In the past, defects of temperament have robbed them of their just rewards. Not this year.

Watch Klukowski demonstrate his skill in the match between Poland and Belgium. Poland v Belgium. Game All. Dealer South.



In the Open room the Belgians had settled in three no trumps, which had no chance when the spades failed to break.

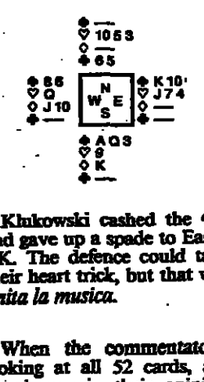
This was the bidding in the Closed room.

W	N	E	S
			Klukowski
—	—	—	1♣
2♡	Dble	3♡	No
No	4♣	No	4♠
No	No	No	—

Opening lead ♡Q

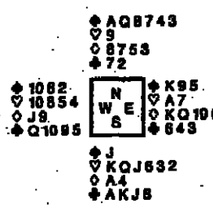
Five clubs is the best contract if you can find it, but four spades is much superior to three no trumps.

Klukowski received the natural lead of the ♢Q. In the hope that the defence would let him take a club trick, he tried the ♣K. No luck. West took the ♣A and switched to the ♡K. After ruffing a diamond in dummy and discarding a heart on the ♣Q, Klukowski continued with another top club. East ruffed, and declarer overruffed. Another diamond ruff and further club ruffed and overruffed left this position:



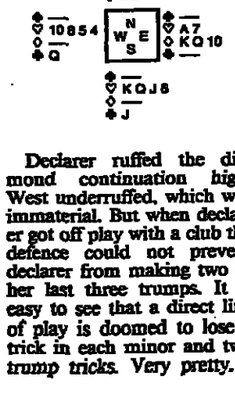
Klukowski cashed the ♣A and gave up a spade to East's ♣K. The defence could take their heart trick, but that was *finita la musica*.

When the commentators, looking at all 52 cards, are unanimous in their opinion that declarer will fail, it is especially satisfying to prove them wrong. Lena Karrstrand, a promising young player from Sweden, played this hand as South.



Opening lead ♢J

The contract was four hearts. East had doubled a diamond cue bid. Lena won the diamond lead and crossed to dummy with the ♠A and ruffed a spade. The Ace and King of clubs and a club ruff were followed by another spade ruff. Then declarer got off play with a diamond in this ending:



Declarer ruffed the diamond continuation high. West underruffed, which was immaterial. But when declarer got off play with a club the defence could not prevent declarer from making two of her last three trumps. It is easy to see that a direct line of play is doomed to lose a trick in each minor and two *trump tricks*. Very pretty.

● In the past the British Bridge League, confronted with the poor results obtained by our representatives in the recent European Championships in Finland, would have made some chucking noises, accompanied by a general resolve that all must strive harder in the future. To the BBL's credit, it has adopted a far more constructive approach. Recognizing that the English tournament season contains two serious defects for aspiring internationals, namely the shortage of practice against tough opposition and the limitations placed on systems, it has devised a plan whereby any caindidate for selection must be prepared to allot a certain amount of time to a tough and intensive training programme.

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Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Artur Yusupov has been singularly unfortunate so far in his world championship semi-final against Anatoly Karpov. After a tame draw in round one, Yusupov pressed fiercely in games two and three. The first of these was drawn, but Yusupov even went so far as to lose game three after an uncharacteristic and hideous blunder. In the other match, our man Jon Speelman is experiencing difficulties against the Dutch Grandmaster, Jan Timman. The main problem seems to be that Speelman is uncomfortable with his opening preparation, and as a result is committing an alarming number of tactical blunders during the course of the games.

In game one, Speelman escaped after losing two pawns for little compensation, but in the second game, which now follows, the British Grandmaster was unable to elude the consequences of his inferior handling of the opening. The third game was a well-fought draw so perhaps Speelman's fortunes will improve this week.

White: Jon Speelman; Black: Jan Timman. Pilkington Glass World Championship Semi-Final, Sadler's Wells Theatre, London, October 3.

Nimzo-Indian Defence (by transposition).

1 Nf3	Nf6	2 c4	c5
3 d4	cxd4	4 Nxd4	e6
5 g3	Bb4+	6 Nc3	0-0
7 Bg2	d5	8 0-0	dxc4

Speelman's next move is an *innovation, but not one that* appears to have any particular bite. Established theory recognizes instead the move 9 Qa4 attacking the Black bishop on b4. This was played, for example, in the game Karpov-Portisch, Tilburg 1986.

9 Bg5	h6	10 Bxf6	Qxf6
11 Ndb5	Nc6	12 Qa4	Qe5
13 Rad1	a6	14 e3	Bd7

An excellent riposte which exposes in dramatic fashion the deficiencies of White's opening. Although this move places the Black bishop where it can be captured, the point is that Black's rook on a8 is now defended so that the move ... axb5 becomes possible.

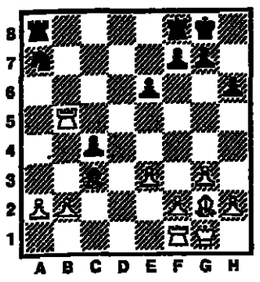
15 Rxd7 axb5

It is now absolutely necessary for White to recognize that his handling of this game has gone badly wrong. Had Speelman been aware of the dangers hovering over his head, he would now have played 16 Qc2. Admittedly, that would acquiesce in the loss of a pawn, but White would retain a certain compensation in the shape of his rook on the 7th rank and his powerful bishop. As played, a worse fate befalls.

16 Qxb5 Bxc3

This move wins a piece, though White can still struggle.

17 Rxb7 Qxb5 18 Rxb5 Na7



The final link in the chain which ensures a decisive advantage for Black. Although a bewildering number of pieces on both sides are under attack, Black threads his way though the complications to remain with an extra piece. If now 19 Rb6 Nc8 20 Rb5 Ra5! retains Black's extra piece.

19 Rc5	Bb4	20 Rxc4	Rab8
21 Rd1	Nc8	22 a3	Be7
23 b4	Nb6	24 Rc7	Rfd8
25 Rxd8+	Bxd8	26 Ra7	Kf8

White's two passed pawns are no compensation for Black's extra knight.

27 Bc5	Nc4	28 Kf1	Bb6
29 Ra8	Ke7	30 Bb5	Nd6
31 Bd3	Ne8		

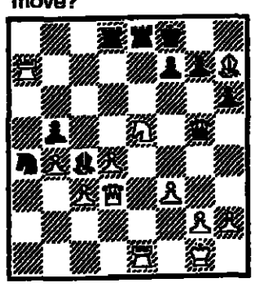
White resigns

With 32 ... Nc7 coming, White's case is hopeless.

Raymond Keene

WINNING MOVE

In the diagram White can win swiftly. What is White's winning move?



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Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 e5 when 1 ... Bxd5 2 exd6 exd6 3 Qxh7+ Kf8 4 Qh8+ is decisive.

Solution to last Saturday's position in game between Karpov and Spassky played in Moscow in 1973): White wins with 1 Rxd6.

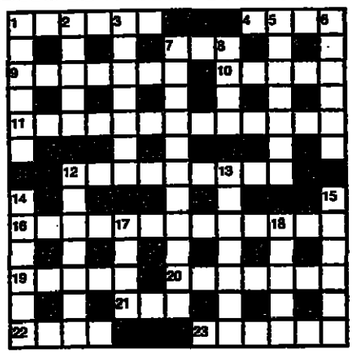
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TRIWORD ANSWERS

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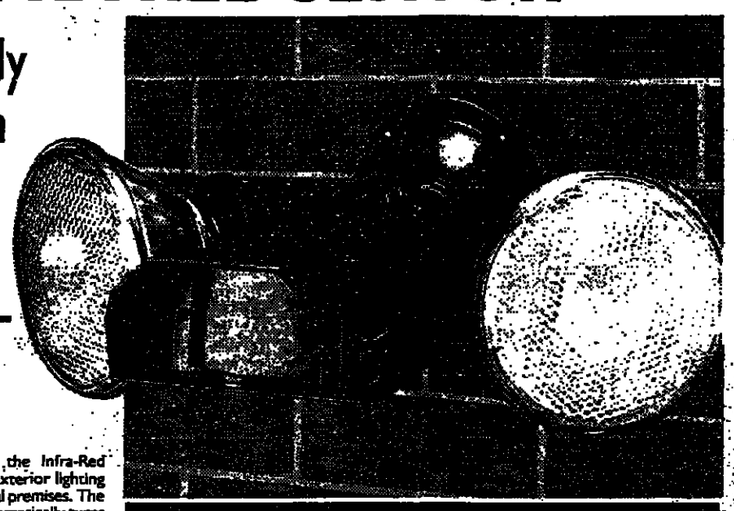
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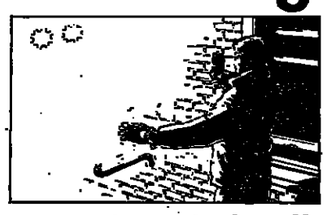
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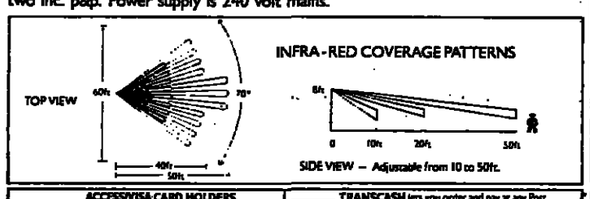
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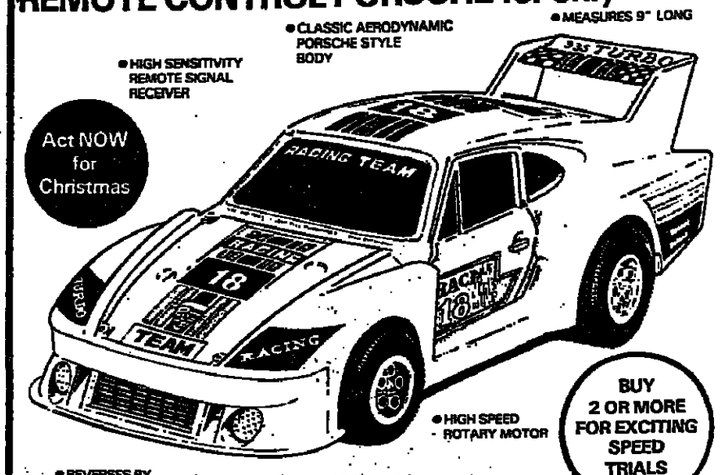
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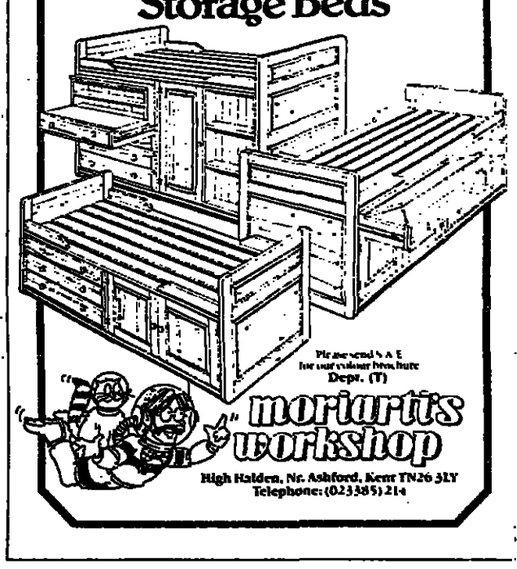
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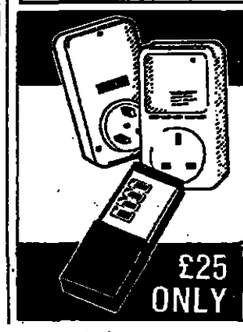
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Nicole Swengley reports on next week's Chelsea Crafts Fair



Old techniques with contemporary design: Liam Curtin and Wendy Jones with their tin-glazed 16th-century Italian Renaissance-style tableware



Electro-formed glass and jewellery: Gillian and Jonathan Andersson



Silver neck-pieces and ear-rings: Colin Churchill and Anne Neilson

Now in its tenth year, the Chelsea Crafts Fair has become one of Britain's best designer-maker showcases, particularly for new craftspeople and those who normally sell through limited outlets. More than 700 hopefuls applied to exhibit this year, of whom 200 were chosen.

To include as many designer-makers as possible, the fair has been split into two with different exhibitors showing each week — October 9-14 and October 16-21. The result is a heady mix of ceramics, jewellery, glass, metal, wood and textiles.

Unusually, in the first week several stands will be shared by husband-and-wife teams, couples, or brother-and-sister duos.

● **Jonathan and Gillian Andersson's** work has an offbeat common thread: electro-forming. Jonathan combines glass with electro-formed metals and Gillian produces a range of dramatic, electro-formed jewellery.

Jonathan, who finished studying at the West Surrey college three years ago, explains: "I come from a glass-making family. My father worked for the Whitefriars Glass Makers and I guess it is in my blood. But I am also fascinated by the relatively new technique of electro-forming metals. There are no books on the subject and because each piece goes through a lot of different processes, nothing is predictable. I would say my work is a controlled accident because I never know beforehand how it is going to look."

Among the work on sale at Chelsea is a selection of bowls, goblets, vases, jars and candlesticks. Prices start at £25 for a small bowl, rising to £500 for a large pedestal bowl.

Gillian met Jonathan while studying metalwork at West Surrey college. Her jewellery is electro-formed on glass fibre and slate using natural stones. The simple, abstract shapes of her ear-rings and necklaces create a strong look which younger shoppers favour.

"I come from Zambia so I think the jewellery has a slight African influence," she says. "I started experimenting on Jonathan's machines and realized I had hit on something pretty unique."

Gillian is exhibiting a series of necklaces and ear-rings at the Chelsea fair, with prices starting from £7 for a pair of ear-rings.

● ***Liam Curtin and Wendy Jones*** have been producing tin-glazed earthenware under the Majolica Works flag for five years. They met while Liam was teaching pottery and Wendy was teaching art at a school in Liverpool.

Wendy says: "I loved the 16th-century Italian majolica you see in museums and we wanted to try and create the same kind of feel. At first, we copied Renaissance pieces, then began to get a bit freer with the paint and eventually developed our own style."

Liam says: "It was an exhibition at the Craft and Design Shop in Leeds City Art Gallery in 1984 which really got Majolica Works on its feet. The Crafts Council noticed us and suggested that we applied for a grant. And, though tin glaze is very expensive, people seem to like the way we have combined an old technique with contemporary designs."

Majolica Works is showing the full range of domestic tableware and large, one-off pieces at Chelsea. Prices start at £9 for a small bowl, £15 for a dinner plate and £16 for a breakfast cup and saucer set, rising to £36 for a fruit bowl, £35 for a jug and £64 for a large platter. A new range of decorative, hand-painted tiles cost £15 each.

● **Colin Churchill and Anne Neilson,** brother and sister, come from a family steeped in artistic tradition. Their father, the sculptor George Churchill, also made jewellery, as did their grandfather.

Colin, who is exhibiting silver neck-pieces at Chelsea, says: "I aim to create pieces which are exciting to look at as well as nice to wear. I have a bit of an obsession with geometry. It seems to me that it is a tradition which runs right through art history. Its semi-spiritual overtones are also symbolic, with repeating patterns used as an image of the sacred. It appears a lot in Renaissance art and it's that sort of feeling that I hope to echo."

Colin's hand-made, Cubist-style, sculptural neck-pieces cost around £350, ear-rings (with their overtones of Islamic art) are around £30, and a sterling silver clasped hands buckle about £220.

Of his series of necklaces which appear chunky but are, in fact, light and comfortable to wear, Colin says: "*Trompe-l'oeil* is a way of giving the eye space and volume without weight. That's what I hope I have achieved with these pieces."

Anne, who was furnishing consultant at Heal's in the early Sixties, enjoyed a stint styling at *Vogue* before starting to knit. First she concentrated on knitting for her children but now she has let imagination run riot and makes huge, colourful, dramatic coats in mohair for adults. "I knit them without a pattern. I have the colours in my mind and they just seem to knit themselves," she says. The coats, which are bat-winged and range in length from waist to mid-calf, cost from £400.

● **The Chelsea Crafts Fair:** *Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3; October 9-14 and October 16-21, 10am-8pm; £2.50 single visit, £4 for one visit each week.*

Drawing on the past

How a Sixties American store got the old English image

NICK ROGERS



The image maker: graphic designer Peter Windett at Crabtree & Evelyn's Kensington shop



Windett says of his jams presentation: "The botanical drawing on a white background suggests lightness and purity. I think the packaging looks reassuring and evokes a wholesome feeling."

This week, Crabtree & Evelyn launched its first cookbook, with more than 200 recipes devised to make use of the firm's specialities — flavoured oils, vinegars, herbs and spices, mustards, chutneys, sauces, honeys and preserves (*Nicole Swengley writes*).

Although Crabtree & Evelyn looks like a centuries-old establishment it is, in fact, an American-owned firm which started selling soap from a small shop in Massachusetts in the Sixties. It is the richly detailed packaging, redolent of former, more leisurely days, which fixes the firm's nostalgic image in shoppers' minds.

Building this "heritage" around a relatively new company has been the work primarily of one man — Peter Windett, a graphic designer. He says: "My association with the firm goes back 15 years, when it first asked me to design the packaging for a bar of royal-jelly soap. The nostalgic theme evolved because I was briefed to produce a typically English look, which was achieved mainly through the use of typography and period design styles."

Windett, who is now responsible for the design of more than 700 of the firm's products, explains: "We have noticed a resurgence of interest in illustration over the past decade, and people such as Glynn Boyd Harte and Peter Brookes, *The Times* illustrator, have worked with us.

"Over the past 10 years, packaging design has improved enormously. Some marvellous work is now produced; for example, for Asda and Tesco. But I feel there is a danger that packs are increasingly redesigned for the sake of updating their looks — an approach that will not necessarily sell more products. You can't do it in isolation from improving the contents and marketing of a product."

So why has Crabtree & Evelyn achieved such resounding success? Windett says: "It is a blend of various things. Although people may at first be attracted purely by the packaging, it is one of the firm's strengths that the quality of the contents lives up to the packs' exteriors. But it is also due to the environment of the shops and the way the staff is trained to respond to the customers."

Crabtree & Evelyn's apothecary shop ambience is paramount. The first American shop, with wooden cabinets and brass fittings, was built in England and shipped to Philadelphia, complete with carpets and wallpaper, after which it moved again to Madison Avenue.

It is primarily the sophisticated nostalgia of the firm's packaging which has confirmed Windett's talents so publicly, though he cringes at the word "nostalgia". "I see our work as a fluid and continually developing process," he says. "Illustration, for example, can combine a traditional style with modern colouring. It is forward-moving, responding to changes in fashion, rather than backward-looking."

To prove his point, the packaging for Crabtree & Evelyn's newest range — French-made skincare products, due to appear on shelves in January — employs photography for the first time. The underlying traditional image is still there, but a move away from the studied nostalgia of earlier pack designs is apparent.



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ENVIRONMENT

A forest of the future

Alastair Guild meets a couple with a grand vision of a greener, cleaner world



JOHN PAUL

Leafy visionaries: Emma and Bernard Planterose and five-year-old Sam at their native tree nursery, with baskets of seeds and berries for replanting

It is hard to imagine a more bleak and barren landscape or more awesome sense of remoteness than those which attract increasing numbers of visitors to Scotland's north-west corner. Holidaymakers gazing romantically over this almost treeless moorland may not realize that it was once covered in a vast primeval forest rich in plants and animals.

Bernard and Emma Planterose have a vision of a second Great Wood of Caledon, of a Highland future built on a forest economy. It is a vision they will explain at a conference next Saturday on Scotland's threatened plants.

"The public perception of the Highlands, and one put over by the conservationists, is of a wilderness," Bernard says. "But this is an entirely different landscape from what it once was. Soil has been eroded by years of deforestation, and an entire ecosystem destroyed by clearing people off the land and putting it to sheep and deer."

He and his wife are ecology graduates from Edinburgh University. He worked first as a Royal Society for the Protection of Birds warden in Orkney, moving to Sutherland in 1981. Though still a bird warden, his work is now dedicated to changing perceptions about land use among the public, crofters and landowners through his "laboratory", a 400-acre island off Ullapool managed by the RSPB as a reserve.

The steep, jagged 250ft high cliffs of Isle Martin are rich in the species that once populated the entire island. Despite strong westerly winds, honeysuckle, rowan, birch, aspen, willow, holly and dogrose are regenerating and thriving, safe from heather burning and untroubled by the sheep and cattle that once grazed the island's interior. It is here, with only rabbits to trouble them, that the Planteroses are setting about the island's reafforestation. There are only five people living there full-time.

With the help of friends and volunteers, in the past seven years they have fenced and planted 13 plots with more than 10,000 trees, starting on the fertile land that was once part of crofts. Much of it has gone to rushes, so they brush-cut to allow the grasses to grow back. Outside the plots, seedlings are protected from rabbits by tubes cut from drainpipes, and from competing vegetation by a mat of polythene.

Willow, birch and rowan planted in 1983 stand as high as 15ft. Gean, bird cherry and oak are growing at an average 1ft a year. Birds such as chaffinch, robin and willow warbler flit from branch to branch. Five-year-old Sam Planterose, able to reel off the names of trees and shrubs, proudly hands his father a caterpillar, one of many insects returning. Birds and insects will play their own part in the re-seeding process.

Within 10 years, the Planteroses expect to have planted all the best land on the island, leaving 350 acres, much of it simply peat on bedrock. Occasionally there is a thin layer of clayey or gritty sandstone between the two, but seldom more than 2cm.

Scots pine is showing reasonable progress in shallow peat. "But we are increasingly looking at trees, shrubs and other plants that fix nitrogen," Planterose says. "This is desperately short in the peat/bedrock substrata and notoriously difficult to add to the soil in the right quantity." The first gorse, broom and alder are being planted.

They are also keen to mix pine with native deciduous trees, where possible of local origin. After seven years of buying in trees from a nursery 100 miles south, the Planteroses started growing them themselves.

They have set up a small commercial native tree nursery beside their home at Scourie, some 40 miles north of Isle Martin, where they aim ultimately to grow around 80,000 trees a year. Bernard Planterose also offers a consultancy service, recently advising an oil company on how to screen a new local petrol station.

They are encouraged by the number of orders from crofters on the west coast, as far afield as Skye and Benbecula, and critical of companies which advise crofters to plant shelter belts of conifers.

"Shelter belt design is a complex affair, about which little is known in Britain compared with countries like Norway and Sweden," he says. "Conifers like sitka spruce die out at the bottom, letting the wind through where shelter for stock is needed most. A combination of bush and trees breaks up the wind better than a solid barrier, which creates turbulence on the leeward side."

But, ideally, a shelter belt should serve more than one purpose. Unlike sitka spruce, all native Highland trees can be coppiced to provide fuel and some, like willow, grow even faster than sitka. The leaf litter from deciduous trees enriches the soil and promotes a greater diversity of plant growth than the acid needle layer found under conifers. Better shelter makes for higher lambing percentages, and windbreaks would enable crofters and farmers to grow more crops.

The Planteroses have just launched *The Tree Planter's Guide to The Galaxy*, with funding from the Nature Conservancy Council and the Highlands and Islands Development Board, to promote and exchange information on re-afforestation as a means to ecological restoration.

They believe there is a case for a fully funded, larger-scale demonstration project integrating farming and forestry, perhaps across an estate of 20,000 acres.

"The landscape the public may have come to accept is only a dull shadow of its former self. There is an important and exciting job to be done in restoring a greater degree of ecological diversity, helping at the same time to clean up the atmosphere and reverse the greenhouse effect."

● *Scotland's Threatened Plants: a conference, open to the public, will be held at the Scottish Countryside Commission's headquarters in Perth next Saturday organized by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. Contact Dr Ian Edwards (031 552 7171).*

COLLECTING

India comes to Mayfair

Louise Nicholson samples a few of the Asian treasures on sale this month

For anyone with a romantic disposition and a touch of imagination, October is a dangerous month to nose around Mayfair. For there are Indian dreams to be bought by the dozen, many of them for less than the cost of a fare to the sub-continent.

With a commendable boldness not seen in Britain for decades, Francis Kyle despatched 10 western artists to India last winter. Their response to this extraordinary land is his major autumn show, 150 paintings brimful of colour and light — Hugh Baraden's Udaipur palace tinged with saffron yellow sunlight floating in an azure lake, Patricia Welll's soft Kashmiri hills and lakes given Corot delicacy, Judith Rothchild's bold still-lifes of trotting elephants, glistening green peppers and gold-embroidered silks. Prices start at £500, rising to £5,500.

John Doyle's first encounter with India in January was so dramatic that he has given 33 of his paintings to be auctioned in aid of the Jodhpur Famine Fund, a project begun in 1987 to put four villages in the Thar desert back on their feet. He also visited favourite haunts of travellers — the Taj from the far bank of the Jumna, Ranakpur's exquisite Jain temples, and the utterly magical Pushkar lake.

For older Indian pictures and other works of art, carpets and textiles, next week is Asian week at both Christie's and Sotheby's. As Indian art is still vastly under-appreciated, this is an area where it is possible to pick up a 17th-century painting in bold colours and in good condition for £500 or so. But prices rise for the unusual — at Christie's, a 19th-century Indian painter charmingly imagined that because Europeans sit on ridiculous chairs they must surely make love on them, too (*estimate £600-£800*).

If the piece you have your eye on goes under the hammer for twice the price you had in mind, then take refuge in Liberty's basement, where Brigid Keenan's collection of fragile, delicately painted 18th and 19th-century *papier mâché* from Kashmir is on sale (prices from £35) together with Indian jewellery, silks, furnishings and traditional carved puppets.

● **Paradise . . . Is Here: 10 Painters in Mughal and Rajput India**, Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, London W1 (01-499 6870), Oct 30-Nov 30.
● **India Watercolours by John Doyle**, Sotheby's, 34 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080); viewing tomorrow noon-4pm, Mon 9am-4.30pm, auction 7.15pm.
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Knighton may end United deal

By Peter Davenport

Both sides in the apparently floundering takeover of Manchester United were in consultation with their legal advisers yesterday amid reports that Michael Knighton, the property millionaire and prospective buyer, was willing to abandon his deal on payment of up to £1 million in compensation.

Martin Edwards, the chairman who has agreed to sell to Knighton his majority 50.16 per cent shareholding, is due to appear with his lawyers before a High Court judge in chambers on Monday to seek an injunction. This would effectively prevent Knighton talking to potential financial backers to fund the deal, which would cost him £20 million pounds.

Knighton, who returned from his castle in Scotland to his family's Yorkshire farmhouse yesterday, is said to have been in contact with Edwards to seek a meeting before the court hearing to discuss their contract. They will be talking over the weekend.

One of Knighton's associates said yesterday that he was torn between two opposing courses of action: whether to pull out of the deal in the face of total opposition from the United board and with his relationship with Edwards reduced to legal stand-off, or to push ahead and complete the transaction as the best answer to his critics.

Members of the United board are angry and dismayed at the way the affair has muddied the club's reputation. According to reports within Manchester yesterday, they were so dismayed that they were willing to meet Knighton's alleged financial compensation demands simply to bring the sorry affair to a rapid close. Any agreed compensation would be to recompense Knighton for the time and effort he had put into the negotiations, the reports said.



Knighton: Opposed by board



Edwards: Seeking injunction

If the deal does collapse, either in talks between Knighton and Edwards, or as a result of Monday's legal action, then the two wealthy United directors, Amer Midani and Nigel Burrows, appear to be the most likely new buyers, possibly taking over at the end of the season when the furore surrounding the present takeover has simmered down.

One source close to the club said yesterday that Knighton had already indicated to Edwards that he did not want to become embroiled in a court battle over United. Directors at the club are advising shareholders to take no action with their shares until the board writes to them with its recommendations.

The directors have been particularly angered over reports that Knighton had been willing to sell on his entire stake in the club for a profits of around £6 million.

Part of their statement, after a lengthy board meeting on Thursday, said: "The Board has viewed with grave concern the reports in the press regarding the future ownership of M.K. Trafford Holdings Ltd.(the company set up to buy the club). Mr Knighton stated at the time of the original agreement that he was acting on his own behalf, although small, minority interests might be permitted, and had a long term interest in Manchester United's future development."

Edwards, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, was said to be taking the advice of leading counsel over the continuing validity of the agreement between him and Knighton.

It is understood that part of the legal action will centre on a claim that Knighton breached a clause in the contract by disclosing confidential financial information about the club in his talks with potential backers.

Knighton's wife, Rosemary, said: "I have absolutely no idea where he is."

Another report circulating yesterday suggested that Knighton planned to revolutionize the club with a series of audacious marketing ploys by using the commercial pulling power of former players, such as Bobby Charlton and Denis Law, by promoting the earning power of the top players, such as Bryan Robson, with commercial deals, and market the club's name with a chain of souvenir shops, a mail order catalogue and a travel agency.

A leaked 17-page document revealed plans to "commercially exploit" supporters by selling the names and addresses of club members to a listings broker. The document showed that Knighton would try to set up a European league to bring in an estimated £10 million sponsorship per season.



THE TIMES SKI GUIDE

Barnes pulled out of England team for World Cup qualifier

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Liverpool yesterday withdrew John Barnes from England's squad for the World Cup qualifying tie in Poland next Wednesday.

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, told Bobby Robson, the England manager, that Barnes had no chance of recovering from the hamstring strain he sustained last Monday before England's match in Katowice. At England's training headquarters at Bisham, Buckinghamshire, Robson said he was disappointed with the verdict on Barnes, who has played in four of the five qualifying ties so far.

"I was hoping for better news but Kenny felt there was no point leaving a decision until Sunday," Robson said. "Apparently John trained yesterday but has had a reaction today. I have not spoken to him but I went to the top man at Liverpool, he has declared John unfit, and as far as I am concerned that is the end of it. I am very disappointed because I wanted all my best players in Poland and I really thought Barnes would come through."

Four other casualties missed England's training session yesterday: Gary Lineker and Paul Gascoigne, of Tottenham, Tony Adams, of Arsenal, Gary Stevens, of Rangers, and Steve McMahon, of Liverpool. Lineker (knee) and Gascoigne (swollen calf) were the worst affected.

"There is no reason to believe Lineker and Gascoigne won't be available for Wednesday. McMahon's swollen ankle is also a concern but I don't think there will be any doubt about him," said Robson. Adams has a minor ankle injury and Stevens a stiff neck.

Robson said that Mike Newell, of Everton, in the England squad for the first time, impressed him during training. He said: "Mike looked keen, eager and a very useful player."

Although he is still uncertain about his midfield and attacking formation, Robson is sure of his defensive line-up: the names of Shilton, Stevens, Walker, Butcher and Pearce will be the first he reads out from his team sheet.

Apart from Stevens being absent twice, the unit has been together since February. Its record might suggest that there is no need to consider any alterations either. In eight internationals, England have conceded only two goals and could claim to have the strongest defence in Europe.

Although Shilton has yet to be beaten in the five qualifying ties so far, such statistics can be misleading. England seemed to be as impregnable before they entered the European championship last year. Once they stepped into a higher class in West Germany, they were dismantled.

Robson is justifiably not convinced that his back four, which he regards as "still our best defensive unit", would not suffer a similarly embarrassing fate in Italy next summer. "We'll have to wait and see," he said yesterday. "Once we qualify, that is when the big game starts."

The deficiencies, which have largely been hidden during the fixtures against opponents such as Greece, Albania, Chile and the declining Swedes, may not be exposed by the Poles next week. But they are unlikely to remain disguised during the fixtures against Italy and Yugoslavia later this year.

There can be few misgivings about the strength and quality of the central pillars. Butcher, as inspirational a figure as Bryan Robson, and Walker, so quick that the manager believes he is worth half of an extra defender, have developed into as effective a pair as Robson could choose.

● Paul Ince (ankle injury), Lee Sharpe (virus) and Steve Sedgley (ankle) have all withdrawn from England's under-21 game against Poland on Tuesday. They are replaced by David White, Andy Hinchcliffe and Jason Dozzell.

Group two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	3	1	0	10	0	7
Sweden	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Poland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Albania	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

Treble for Kerly as England shine

By Sydney Friskin

IAN STEWART

England 5
Argentina 0

England's spirits were revived with a lively display of attacking hockey which gave them clear mastery over Argentina in the Lada International Classic at Luton yesterday. And three splendid goals by Sean Kerly added to the occasion.

The fate of many an England match has depended heavily on the inspiration provided by Batchelor on the right wing, and yesterday he was in enterprising mood, continually putting the Argentinian defence in disarray.

Nick Thompson was the right choice on the other wing, Kerly, at centre-forward, was back to sparkling form, and these three were involved in the first goal, by Thompson, after 15 minutes. A centre by Batchelor was helped along by Kerly and the ball ran clear for Thompson to drive home.

Two minutes later, Clift put a free hit into an open space and Kerly pounced on the chance to put England two ahead. The Argentine captain, Altube, was sent off temporarily for tripping Kerly after 18 minutes, and a weakened defence conceded a penalty stroke, which Potter converted, when Vigil's feet came in the way of a shot by Kerly.

England had a close call early in the second half when Taylor made a hand save off Geneyro, but Argentina were soon pushed back and after a short corner had been squandered, England increased their lead with Leman setting up a chance for Kerly to score the fourth.

There was little Argentina could do to hold off the relentless England attacks, and within a minute of Layer's appearance as a substitute he nearly scored. Schmidt save a second penalty stroke by Potter, but Kerly rounded off a profitable day with England's fifth.

ENGLAND: S Taylor (Stourport); S Hazlitt (Army and Hounslow), D Faulkner (Havant), K Stasap (Welton; sub: R Hill, Havant), J Potter (Hounslow), M Grimley (Hounslow), S Batchelor (Southgate, sub: C Mayer, Cannock), R Laman (East Grinstead, sub: R Garcia, Havant), S Kerly (Southgate), R Clift (East Grinstead), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians).

ARGENTINA: O Schmidt; S Vigil, D Ruiz (sub: F Nicola), M Altube, R Perez, G Minadeo (sub: F Ferrara), E Pallioti, C Geneyro, A Verga, A Siri, C Rascul.

Umpires: P Elders (Neth), D Prior (Aus).



Back in the groove: Kerly acknowledges England's second goal, his first, in the 5-0 defeat of Argentina at Luton yesterday

Australia in command

Australia 2
The Netherland 1

Australia's resilience was the basis of their victory in the other match at Luton yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). A goal down after 30 minutes, they hit back strongly to equalize soon after and take control of the game.

The match came to life as the first half drew to a close, Boyelander putting the Dutch ahead from a short corner only for Hawgood to equalize within three minutes.

With the Dutch defence wavering, Hawgood put Australia ahead nine minutes into the second half to begin a period of Australian ascendancy, during which they failed to convert two short corners.

AUSTRALIA: L Dreher; K Wark, C Davies, D Evans, W Birmingham, M York, A Deane, D Wansbrough, C Batch (sub: M Hager), N Hawgood, P Haselhurst (sub: G Reid).

NETHERLANDS: F Leistra; F Bovelander, M Crucq, H Kooijman, C Diepeveen, J Brinkman, M Delissen, E Partevliet (sub: M Bennenga), G Wetsenings, T van't Hek, T Van den Honert.

Umpires: G Little (Eng), J Rognoni (Arg).

Coupe profits from advice and secures stylish victory

By Jenny McArthur

After some timely advice from Michael Whitaker, Nigel Coupe and Invincible Lad, winners of a team gold medal at this year's junior European championships, yesterday had the satisfaction of relegating the junior European champion, Marie Edgar, on Everest Unique, to second place in the Oakley Coachbuilders Young Rider of the Year event at Wembley yesterday.

It was a particularly bitter defeat for Miss Edgar, who used to ride Invincible Lad and was upset by her father, Ted's decision to sell him two years ago.

For the stylish Coupe, a former national junior champion, the arrival of the 14-year-old Irish-bred gelding at his Lancashire yard heralded a new phase in a showjumping career. The European team silver medal was followed by the team gold in 1989. In August of this year, competing against Europe's top riders, Coupe, aged 18, scored his richest win to date – £7,000 – in Ireland's Millstreet Derby.

Many of the top professional riders would have been proud of Coupe's winning round yesterday. Miss Edgar, last year's winner, had gone into the lead in the eight-horse jump-off on her grade C champion, the six-year-old Everest Unique

Whitaker told Coupe that the only hope of catching her time was to attempt the same short cut – going inside fence four to the double.

Coupe, who has already won enough money to qualify for Wembley next year, responded to a superbly-judged round, meeting the double on a perfect strike and finishing nearly four seconds inside Edgar's time.

Earlier in the day, Emma-Jane Mac, who is based at the Edgars' Warwickshire yard, continued her outstanding week with a third win on the Belgian bred Everest Gringo in the Wembley accumulator.

The most dramatic moment of the week came in Thursday night's NM's Financial Puissance. Only two riders, Michael Whitaker on his Puissance specialist Next Didi and Tim Stockdale on Supermarket reached the fourth round when the wall stood at 6ft 11in.

Both failed to clear it but, to the delight of the spectators, decided to try again. In a fitting result to such a sporting gesture both riders cleared it magnificantly at the second attempt – a moment savoured by Stockdale who, unlike Whitaker, had never won a Puissance competition before.

RESULTS: Oakley Coachbuilders young rider of the year: 1, Invincible Lad (N Coupe), 0 in 28.08sec; 2, Everest Unique (M Edgar), 0 in 29.97; 3, TB (T Blenkarn), 0 in 32.67. The Wembley accumulator: 1, Everest Gringo (E-J Mac), 36.17; 2, Partytimo III (A Fazakerley), 37.66; 3, Ballyfiash (T Glazzard), 38.25. Spillers horse feeds junior Foxhunter championship: 1, April Star (S Winterbottom), 0 in 32.39; 2, Tythe Spring Domino (C Lee), 0 in 38; 3, Pedro The Lad (S Winterbottom), 0 in 37.30. Thursday: The NM Financial Puissance: equal 1, Supermarket (T Stockdale) and Next Didi (M Whitaker). Osborne Refrigeration riding horse of the year: Small riding horse: 1, Mr J Tierney's Fair Breeze; 2, JCB Excavators Ltd's JCB; 3, Miss J Wilson's Top Hat. Large riding horse: 1, Mr P Raisbeck's Brown Sabre; 2, Miss M Bate's Woodstown Myocc; 3, Miss S Rose's Meridan.

World Cup tickets on sale say FA

By John Goodbody

The Football Association yesterday officially announced that it will be selling tickets to England supporters for the World Cup Finals, despite the trouble that has surrounded their followers in recent years, including the international in Sweden last month.

The FA has the written agreement of the Government that it can sell a limited allocation of tickets, although it supports the FA's determination to institute tight controls by checking applicants against a list of known troublemakers.

For the qualifying game in Stockholm last month, the FA did not take any tickets, but this still did not stop about 500 supporters from travelling to Sweden, many of whom figured in the violence.

A spokesman for the FA said that no decision had yet been made on how many tickets would be available because England had yet to qualify. He justified the decision by saying: "Even if we did not sell any tickets then inevitably some supporters would go and get tickets out there."

● ROTTERDAM: Just one day after Ajax's two-year ban from European Cup matches, aDutch fan has died after a post-match scuffle. A Sparta Rotterdam suporter, aged 37, has been arrested in connection with the death of another Sparta fan he had allegedly pushed to the groundwhen a group of supporters stormed their club's offices in protest at their team's 3-2 defeat by Helmond Sport.

● BRUSSELS: The two Scottish clubs drawn to play in Belgium in the second round of the UEFA Cup have been given the go-ahead to play. The Belgian government'

Larry May, is to take charge of Brighton's reserve team for the remainder of the season after being forced to quit playing football with a serious knee injury.

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SUNNY SIDE OF THE ALPS

The skiing in Italy tends to be more sporty than serious with some of the best apres ski and restaurant facilities in the Alps. The resorts are stretched out across the wide span of the mountains where this year the world's largest skipass area, the Super-Dolomiti celebrates its 20th anniversary. Shona Crawford Poole and our ski panel give their verdicts.
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THE STATELY CHATEAUX OF FRANCE

In France, as in England, owners of some of the grandest properties have decided to take guests. Jenny Greene sat down to dine with the aristocracy.
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OUR CYCLIST REACHES PRAGUE

Continuing his bicycle, tour Richard Thompson reached Czechoslovakia along with hundreds of East Germans anxious to reach the West. He lingered in Prague and found it the most beautiful of the European capitals.
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The Maktoum family business

Michael Seely, racing correspondent, examines the most powerful owners in the sport



Sheikh Raschid Al-Maktoum of Dubai (centre) with his four sons who exercise unprecedented power on the British turf. (Clockwise from top left) Maktoum Al-Maktoum, Hamdan, Ahmed and Sheikh Mohammed.

Nashwan, Old Vic, Zilzal, Polish Precedent and Shaadi. The impressive list of Al-Maktoum-owned horses in a year during which they have harvested the great races of Europe has hammered home the degree of their mounting superiority on the turf.

The top end of the British owners' table reads more like a *Who's Who* of the Middle East than the *Almanac de Gotha*. The first five places are occupied by three of the four brothers from Dubai — Sheikh Mohammed, Maktoum Al-Maktoum and Hamdan — Prince Khaled Abdulla of Saudi Arabia and Karim, Prince Aga Khan. Only Ahmed Al-Maktoum has had a disappointing year but he has fond memories of last season when Mtoto's big-race victories were largely responsible for taking him into fifth place.

Although the Aga Khan's family has become westernized over the last three generations, its wealth was originally derived from tithes exacted from the Ismaeli sect of the Shia muslims.

Abdulla and the Aga Khan, in common with the pre-eminent owners earlier this century, such as the diamond-enriched Joel family, and the traditional owner-breeders typified by the Earls of Rosebery and Derby, are primarily commercial owners who like to make their racing pay.

But the Maktoums' frenetic spending in pursuit of their ambitious dreams is without precedent and at times difficult to comprehend. The Aga Khan hit the nail on the head when he said: "It is difficult to compete with people who do not appear to be inspired by the profit motive."

Their relentless quest for success has won them millions of pounds — although nothing like the millions they have spent — and it has been received with a mixture of envy and gratitude.

On the plus side, they have largely financed the restoration of British racing to the very top of the international league. Not since the 1930s has sport of such consistently high calibre been watched in Britain. The trend of the previous half-century, during which most of our priceless blood-lines, developed over 250 years, were exported to the United States, has been reversed.

The Arab-owned champions, such as Dancing Brave, Rainbow Quest, Nashwan, Mtoto, Oh So Sharp and Diminuendo, have helped make it a decade of excellence. Future generations of breeders will benefit.

On the down side, the Maktoums are attacked for seeking success at any price, frightening away would-be challengers who are merely wealthy rather than exceedingly rich.

The scope and size of the Maktoum operation is without precedent. Sheikh Mohammed alone owns around 1,000 head, including horses in training, stallions, broodmares, yearlings and foals. His group of studs include Dalham Hall, Newmarket, comprising 1,500 acres, and the Kildangan and Ragusa studs in Ireland.

The Maktoum stranglehold on the great races has tightened this year as more of their ambitions have been realized. Sheikh Hamdan's home-bred champion, Nashwan, is one of the outstanding horses of the decade — having this season won the 2,000 Guineas, Derby, Eclipse Stakes and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes — and next year will stand at his palatial Shadwell Stud, near Thetford.

Sheikh Mohammed is about to become Britain's leading owner for the fifth consecutive year. He also heads the French and Irish tables and has won seven classic races in the three nations. Old Vic has given the Sheikh his first win in both the French and Irish Derbys; Polish Precedent is the champion miler of France.

The cash benefits are considerable. Nashwan is to stand at Shadwell with a capital value of £18 million on his head; Polish Precedent is to stand at Dalham Hall with a £7 million price tag.

But, whatever the benefits now, the cost of the Maktoums' 10-year onslaught on the riches of the turf has been mind-boggling. It is no exaggeration to say that the Maktoums must be the world's most extravagant family. They are estimated to have lavished $1 billion on their pleasure.

Consider their expenditure at the yearling sales. In 1988, they spent $30 million at the two-day July Select Sale at Keeneland, accounting for 30 per cent of the total. At last year's Newmarket Highflyer Sale, their official purchases amounted to more than £12 million, 34 per cent of the turnover. They bought 35 of the yearlings costing £100,000 or more at the Highflyer a year ago and again this week they have been dominant at Newmarket.

On Wednesday, the first Dancing Brave yearling to be sold at auction was bought by Sheikh Ahmed for 600,000gns, the flagship of another concerted effort on the yearling market. A battery of six-figure purchases by their umbrella companies were to follow, including 510,000gns for a daughter of Sadler's Wells and 500,000gns for a half-brother to Old Vic.

At the North American sales in July this year, their expenditure was estimated by *Racing Update* at $50 to $60 million, 40 per cent of the take. And their unofficial purchases are always greater, as they bid through independent agents as well as through their own representatives.

Few signs have emerged that the early belief, that spending would decline once homebred yearlings began to enter the operation, will prove to be correct. The Maktoums' firepower grows almost daily, and there is little evidence that their prodigious outlay will diminish. As recently as this week it was revealed that Sheikh Mohammed is to buy two more Newmarket studs, White Lodge and Beech House.

The White Lodge stud, developed by the Mollers, has produced the Derby winner, Teenoso, among a host of high-class horses, and with its 30 priceless broodmares and a similar number of horses in training represents a major and significant acquistion. The value of the deal for the studs has been estimated in tens of millions.

But is the game worth the candle?

The cost of maintaining Sheikh Mohammed's cavalry of about 440 horses with 31 trainers world-wide is in excess of £6 million a year. Yet, since Hatta gave Sheikh Mohammed his first winner in Britain in 1977, his total win prize-money earnings in this country to the end of 1988 amounted to £5,058,808.

The fact that Sheikh Mohammed's total British win earnings amount to less than the $10.2 million he paid in 1983 for Snaafi Dancer, a horse that was never to race, speaks for itself.

Just after making his record bid, the Sheikh gave an indication of the family's philosophy. Asked whether $10.2 million represented an exorbitant price for an immature, unraced yearling, he raised his head and said: "Who can tell what a horse is worth?"

In attempting to impose European standards of thinking and behaviour on the oil-rich family, the mounting wave of public disapproval from Britain beats against a barrier of incomprehension in Dubai. The Maktoums' prodigal spending is the despair of their more commercially-minded rivals.

"Of course, we can't recoup what has been spent," says Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager. "But there's a big emphasis on not losing money. We hope to break even. And in due course, the assets we have built up over the years will justify what we paid for them."

After the family's heavy expenditure at the Keeneland July Sales this year, Stroud admitted: "We certainly spent more than we meant to. But we've got a strong commitment to a lot of trainers. And if we support the breeding industry and the breeders make money, they can then support our stallions and buy our horses out of training."

Those who fear that the Maktoums may suddenly disappear without trace, leaving the country's thoroughbred industry in a state of chaos, are blinding themselves to the ever-increasing value of the assets the Maktoums are accumulating, assets which cannot be easily realized and which they will wish to protect. Also, unlike in most normal businesses, which are created on a basis of bank borrowing and high gearing, these assets are totally unencumbered. There is always cash available.

1989 leading owners

The table shows the number of races won by each owner and the win prize-money

Owner	Won	Win £
Sheikh Mohammed	113	1,206,869
Hamdan Al-Maktoum	77	1,142,751
Khaled Abdulla	54	654,856
Maktoum Al-Maktoum	30	471,713
Aga Khan	43	444,546

Apart from this they have no wish to leave. "As long as we are welcome, we shall stay," says Sheikh Mohammed simply.

Yet Sheikh Mohammed's total commitment also has its drawbacks. His policy of attempting to buy success at any price has been the target of severe criticism. He recently paid Ir£32,000 to enter two horses at a late stage for the Irish St Leger to give him a chance of becoming the first owner to make a clean sweep of the five Irish classics. Both were beaten, but it was the Sheikh's wealth which bought them the opportunity to try.

The Sheikh's desire to succeed with no expense spared has been shown, too, by his aggressive purchases of horses in training. He bought Kerrera, one of the leading two-year-old fillies last season, on the strength of her home gallops before she won her first race at Yarmouth.

But they do love the actual racing and it is their all-consuming passion. Zilzal, owned by Mana Al-Maktoum, a brother-in-law of Sheikh Maktoum, and Polish Precedent, owned by Sheikh Mohammed, raced against each other in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot; they have no wish to deprive the public of watching the best against the best. There is no reason to doubt that Nashwan and Old Vic would have been allowed to race each other in the Arc had circumstances permitted.

Charles St George, the owner of Michelozzo, winner of the St Leger last Saturday, and one of the people most likely to feel threatened by the Arabs, is in no doubt about the issue. "It's brilliant," he says. "It's the best thing that's ever happened to racing. They're very generous in the way they race."

Bob McCreery, a breeder who over the years has produced such high-class horses as High Top, Camden Town and Old Vic, says: "It's marvellous the way they brought all these good horses back from America and are now standing them over here. The benefits for the industry as a whole are yet to come, when their not-so-good but superbly-bred stallions and horses out of training are available to everybody. At the moment, it's only a few trainers, their staff, and breeders at the top end of the market who have been cashing in."

The town of Newmarket has been transformed in the 1980s. Racing's headquarters was in the doldrums as the horse population declined to 1,300. Now the town is bursting at the seams and there are nearly 3,000 horses queuing up to work on the Heath and the Jockey Club has been forced to impose limits on the construction of new stables.

The Arabs have created stud and stable facilities to the highest possible standard. Apart from trainers, all the auxiliary professions, such as builders, estate agents, saddlers, auctioneers, corn merchants, veterinary practices, are having the time of their lives.

Nor could the Maktoums' sense of honour be denied. Their loyalty to their own is legendary, as Sheikh Hamdan's recent purchase of Farncombe Down, to ensure that Dick Hern can continue training when he has to leave the Queen's stables at West Ilsley, gives striking evidence of this.

The drawbacks of such a top-heavy investment is a topic of continual and sometimes heated discussion throughout the industry. The tentacles of the Arab patronage, particularly that of the Maktoums, reach far and wide. And the inevitable two-tier level of prosperity and the reverse at times arouses widespread resentment in a traditionally jealous game.

Bob McCreery says: "The trouble is that the grass roots are being threatened. Rich people — and there are some very rich people in this country — become turned off by the fact they can see no point in competing against the Arabs. That's why so many of them are switching to jumping."

The effect on the distribution of prize-money is dramatic. In 1988, the four Maktoum brothers and Abdulla collected £3,274,750 out of a total of £23,506,552 prize-money in Britain; they won 348 of the 3,092 races run on the Flat. In other words, just five men collected 15 per cent of the prize-money and 11 per cent of the races.

The brothers' strike-rate in the classic and group races is even higher. But it is their plundering of maiden and graduation races on the lesser tracks that continues to cause the most concern.

Racing at the highest level has always been the rich man's domain. The difference in the Maktoums' case is the fear that the sheer size of their equine army is depriving the small owner of the opportunity to make his racing pay.

Even so, the results of the Middle Park Stakes and Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket this week indicate that the smaller owner can still win against the odds. But they are increasingly the exception rather than the rule.

Whatever the drawbacks of the Arabs' presence, its considerable advantages are beyond dispute. Lord Ronaldshay, one of the straightest thinkers in the game (he is chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, managing director of Redcar racecourse, and owner of the Zetland Stud), says: "Of course, the Arabs now dominate the racing and breeding industries to an almost unhealthy extent. And it is worrying that Sheikh Mohammed should feel the need to continue to buy horses to such a degree and at all price levels even now when his breeding operation is in full swing. But it is marvellous to see Nashwan and Old Vic racing over here rather than in the States. We should welcome their huge investment."

That view is not shared by everyone. "Where is it all going to end?" asks a classic-winning trainer (whose stable houses no Arab-owned horses). "If they go on like this, they must end up winning five races a day. Will they be content then? Or will they continue until they win all six?"

After Oh So Sharp had given Sheikh Mohammed his first home bred classic winner in the Oaks in 1985, he said: "Money could never have bought the feeling that this has given me today."

Of course, limitless wealth *did* buy the Sheikh his moment of supreme satisfaction. Perhaps part of the answer to the continued extravagance lies in the passionate but acquisitive nature of Sheikh Mohammed, whose boundless enthusiasm and love of animals is matched by his relish for the power game and the cut and thrust of competition at the highest level.

The game of Monopoly springs irresistibly to mind when seeking comparison. The acquirer of valuable sites is best advised to build houses and hotels rather than sitting on his cash. If not, someone else comes along and relieves him of his wealth. The Maktoums are not making such an elementary mistake as they add relentlessly to their bloodstock empire.

Ancient traditions holding sway in the modern state

From a Special Correspondent
Dubai

Dubai, although covering only 1,100 square miles, has become the most influential city state in the Middle East. The Maktoums, father and four sons, are the most powerful people in that state.

Capitalizing on Dubai's tradition as the principal trading port of the Gulf, they have transformed it into a modern commercial empire.

"Whatever the Maktoums do, they do it supremely well — or they don't do it at all," says a businessman based in Dubai. "The Ruler, their father, Sheikh Raschid, started it all. With their entrepreneurial flair, his sons have already taken Dubai into the 21st century. The dry docks are the most up-to-date and best-used in the world. Port Raschid is one of the fastest on- and off-load ports anywhere, and Emirate Airlines is the best in the Middle East. What's more, their word is their trust."

Ever since their father, Sheikh Raschid bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, was struck down with a serious kidney complaint six years ago, the four brothers have exercised total political power inside Dubai.

Their mother — who had seen some of her own male relatives wiped out in a family power struggle — made them promise there would never be fighting between them. While that pledge may not have extended to rivalry on the racecourse, it has prevented the recourse to traditional and bloody methods of settling disputes.

The oldest son, Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, aged 48, is Crown Prince of Dubai, and his father's deputy as Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, the rather loose union of which Dubai is a key part.

Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, the second son, is UAE Finance Minister and head of the Dubai Municipality, while the youngest, Sheikh Ahmed, aged 38, though nominally head of the UAE's Central Military Command, is more interested in powerboat racing than in government.

It is generally accepted that the greatest power lies with the third son, Sheikh Mohammed, aged 40. As Defence Minister of the UAE and controller of Dubai's internal security and oil revenues, he has personal command of the three most important portfolios.

Much of his impact is due to sheer personal charisma. When he married a high-born local Sheikha, he impressed the local guests by galloping hell-for-leather past them, upright on a thoroughbred racing camel, in the traditional style of a desert prince. They had barely finished applauding that display when he repeated the operation, this time on an Arab stallion.

Racing camels is a traditional passion with the Bedouins. Anyone doubting the status of the Maktoums as true princes of the desert has only to watch them, dressed in their dish-dashes and seated among their followers in the pagoda-like stands at the camel racing.

"The similarity between the two forms of racing is very marked," says an observer. "The Maktoums can talk about the breeding of a camel going back 100 years. And Sheikh Hamdan gets just as excited before their big camel races as he would have done about Nashwan before the Derby."

They maintain stables with well over 100 camels which compete on the Dubai track. When one favourite camel died in an accident recently, Sheikh Hamdan had it stuffed to stand in his majlis (or receiving room). There is also a veterinary hospital for looking after the brothers' hunting falcons.

In business, just as in their sporting activities, the Maktoums are competitive. "They're very much like the Scottish clans," says the businessman. "If you work for one, you don't mix with the others. They like to set their men up in competition against each other."

The relationship between the brothers is complex. A clue to their characters can be gleaned from an apocryphal story about their father, Sheikh Raschid. When his sons were young men, the Ruler was asked what he would do when they asked for money. "If Maktoum asked me, I would give him £1,000 as I know he'd give it away. If it were Mohammed, I would give him £2,000 as I know he'd spend it on enjoying himself. But if it were Hamdan, I would give him the keys of the safe, as I know he'd spend nothing." Perhaps it is no coincidence that Hamdan is now Finance Minister.

Maktoum Al-Maktoum, the Crown Prince, shuns publicity and spends less time in Britain than his brothers. His low-profile image extends to his horses, as he has only 130 in training. However, because of his primacy, Maktoum is closely involved in key decisions. It is believed it was his wish that Nashwan (owned by Hamdan) should forego the third leg of the Triple Crown (2,000 Guineas, Derby and St Leger) in favour of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, although that plan failed to materialize. Nashwan will now contest the Dubai Champion Stakes, sponsored by the Maktoum family, at Newmarket.

Hamdan, with about 220 horses in training, is the most racing-wise of the quartet. His memory is remarkably retentive, and his knowledge of breeding encyclopaedic.

Sheikh Mohammed is the action man and the visionary; his enthusiasm has fired his brothers to become so heavily committed. Ahmed's first horse, Wassl — which went on to win the Irish 2,000 Guineas — was presented to him as a gift by Mohammed in an attempt to instil some of the family tradition into him.

Although the use of satellite dishes to receive foreign television programmes is illegal in the Emirates, the senior sheikhs all have them. That has given rise to an under-the-counter industry in supplying decoders so that other people can pick up the signal — the only trouble being that when the sheikhs are out of the country, they stop the satellite feed.

Races in Europe involving Maktoum horses are regularly transmitted live to Dubai by satellite, and broadcast on the national television station — often interrupting scheduled programmes.

Despite this casual use of their power, the brothers remain popular, even among the expatriate population, who outnumber the indigenous Arabs by about four to one. They have, with ease, adopted European customs — the three older brothers, like their father, have only one wife, while Sheikh Ahmed is unmarried — but they are careful to live up to the conservative Arab traditions and expectations of the region.

Generally, the sheikhs maintain a dignified distance from the less exalted members of the community. Although in theory anybody can visit them at their private majlis, in practice such visits are tightly controlled. And while there is no political opposition to them in Dubai, there is a growing unease at the high-rolling conspicuous consumption that the brothers have come to personify.

Their father, the 71-year-old Sheikh Raschid, used to lead his warriors on camel-raids and war-parties against the neighbouring Arabs at Abu Dhabi. He won the affection of his people not just through his shrewd and far-sighted development of what was originally just a dusty pearling port on the shores of the Gulf — but also through his plain and spartan lifestyle.

Even in a country where oil money has made luxury a way of life, there is a sense of disapproval at the millions being poured out to buy horses. While dipping into their seemingly bottomless stores of cash to fund the finest racing stables in the world, the Maktoums may just be starting to spend their political capital as well.

FOOTBALL

Day of reckoning for a goalkeeper united to the cause

By Louise Taylor

As Peter Shilton prepares to face Poland, the man once regarded as his natural successor returns to east London on second division duty with Leeds United. As a young goalkeeper at West Ham United, Mervyn Day provoked great expectations. Sadly, they inexplicably foundered when he lost form and was transferred to Leyton Orient, before his career was semi-revived, first with Aston Villa and now Leeds.

At 34, Day recognises that international opportunities are long gone. However, he refuses to believe that first division football has permanently by-passed him. "Peter Shilton and Phil Parkes seem to be going on for ever, so hopefully I still have a few years left in me," he said.

With Leeds presently fifth, and West Ham seventh, three points collected by either side this afternoon could just prove the difference between spending next season in the first rather than the second division. The match is spiced by the fact that Vinny Jones, late of Wimbledon but now adding vim and vigour to the Leeds midfield makes his first return to London.

Indeed with Leeds also including two other "hard men" in Blake and Baird, it is no wonder Lou Macari, the Upton Park manager, said: "It will not be a powder puff game." Off the field, it is to be hoped that the 26,000 all-ticket crowd, culled from two clubs with notorious hooligan reputations, behave themselves.

One team who know all about the agonies of narrowly missing out on promotion are Blackburn Rovers, losers in the play-offs for each of the past two seasons, and presently standing second. Bolstered by a 5-0 defeat of Barnsley on their last second divison outing, Rovers entertain a Middlesbrough side whose reward for attempting to play a pleasing passing game was relegation from the first division last season, and an indifferent start in the second this.

Significantly, Middlesbrough's most expensive signing, Davenport, has proved a failure, and the forward is expected to be consigned to the reserves tomorrow. But then as Don Mackay, the Blackburn manager, said yesterday: "Money guarantees nothing at all in football. The total cost of the side we put out against Barnsley was £140,000. People tell me you cannot get a half decent player for that sort of money but we have built an entire team."

Two points clear of Blackburn, in pole position, are Sheffield United. They travel to the Black Country for an encounter billed as the battle of the strikers. If Bull and Mutch, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Deane and Agana, of United, live up to the hype, a cricket score could be in the offing at Molineux.

Newcastle United, yet another club with an illustrious pedigree, occupy third place and travel to Ipswich Town, who are coming to terms with the ignominy of a midweek Littlewoods Cup exit to Tranmere Rovers.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Second division

Blackburn v Middlesbro
Sulley returns at left back for Blackburn after injury but Gennoe (knee) is still sidelined. Collier continues to deputize in goal. Hendry is again omitted. Mowbray (foot) and Putney (thigh) are doubtful for Boro, for whom Coleman, a £400,000 central defensive purchase from Mansfield, makes his second division debut.

Bradford v Brighton
Adcock, a £190,000 signing from Northampton on Thursday, makes his debut in the Bradford attack. Chapman is likely to return at left back for Brighton after injury. Cormack, a teenager, is added to the squad.

Hull v Swindon
Whitehurst has recovered from injury and is poised to lead the Hull attack. Galvin returns on the Swindon wing after injury. Parkin replaces Gittens (suspended) in the centre of the defence.

Ipswich v Newcastle
A groin strain leaves Wark with a no better than 50/50 chance of playing for Ipswich for whom Donowa, formerly of Norwich, makes his full League debut.
Redford (hamstring), Milton (toe), and Hill (broken leg) are all absentees. Quinn returns for Newcastle following a hamstring pull, Brazil retains his place alongside him in attack at Kristensen's expense.

Plymouth v Stoke
Argyle are expected to be unaltered. Biggins returns to the Stoke attack following a cartilage operation.

Port Vale v Leicester
Glover, Porter, Earle, Cross, and Jeffers all face late fitness tests for Vale. Leicester are likely to be unchanged.

Sunderland v Bournemth
Gates (toe) and McPhail (stomach upset) are scheduled for fitness tests for Sunderland, who are still without Norman (broken arm) so Carter continues to deputize in goal.

Watford v WBA
Hodges (ankle), and Wilkinson (knee) are doubtful for Watford.

West Ham v Leeds
With knee injuries necessitating fitness tests for Ward, Gayle, and Parkes, West Ham delay selection but Dolan could continue in attack. Leeds welcome Fairclough back into central defence following injury.

Wolves v Sheffield U
Wolves welcome Mutch back following a groin strain. He will line up alongside Bull, recovered from concussion, in attack. United are unchanged.



Striking partners: the Sheffield United pair, Agana (left) and Deane, clicked immediately on a pre-season tour of Sweden

The scourge of defenders

By Peter Ball

It is often said that forwards hunt best in pairs, and the truth of that may be demonstrated at Molineux this afternoon, when, injuries permitting, the two most deadly pairs in the modern game, Steve Bull and Andy Mutch, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Tony Agana and Brian Deane of the second division leaders, Sheffield United, come into direct opposition.

Inevitably, perhaps, the Wolves pair have received most of the attention, Bull's record of scoring 50 goals in each of the last two seasons and gaining an England cap as a third division player standing out as remarkable individual feats.

The partnership between Agana and Deane, however, is proving equally if not even more formidable to opposition defences, with 60 goals split between them last year taking United to promotion. This season they have already scored 10 to take United to the top of the table, even if the last, by Deane at Sunderland a week ago, was scored at the wrong end.

Both seem to create goals for their partner with the same ease as they put the ball into the net. They are also, clearly, good finishers, although Agana said "the amount of chances we create as a side, I think anyone would get a hatful playing at the front."

That is unnecessary modesty, for in his recent absence with injury, the side, most uncharacteristically suffered two consecutive opposition clean sheets. But there is undoubtedly something in his description of United's play, although it will surprise Dave Bassett's critics to hear two such talented attacking players insist that they enjoy playing in a Bassett side.

"In spite of what you hear, Dave always encourages you to try a trick or two, to express yourself," Agana said. Deane added: "We play as much football as anyone in the final third of the field. Knocking the ball around at the back might look all very nice, but where does it get you?"

For Agana in particular it is the more enjoyable for coming after a fairly unhappy beginning to his full professional career. A Londoner, he started his football with Welling United, moving to Weymouth when the Australian insurance company he worked for relocated their offices in Bournemouth.

He was 23 when he was spotted by Watford and joined the first division club soon after Bassett had replaced Graham Taylor as manager. The team was struggling at the bottom of the first division as Bassett found hostility in the dressing room and in some other areas of the club.

Agana was then playing as a wide man, where he had spent all his non-League career, but he was given a little run in the centre just before Bassett resigned. The departure of Bassett ended that experiment, and Agana found himself surplus to the requirements of the new manager.

He had the choice of joining Bournemouth or following Bassett to Sheffield United. In spite of Bassett's persuasiveness, he thought he would return to the familiar south coast, until one look at Bramall Lane's imposing facade changed his mind. It was still a debatable choice, for United were promptly relegated.

"Yes," he agreed, laughing again, "you could say that my first year in professional football was a disaster."

And then, in the summer, along came Deane. The big, Yorkshireman had been learning his trade with Doncaster when Bassett spotted him and saw something in the raw, strong forward.

It certainly was not his goal scoring record, which had produced only 10 in his last season with the fourth division club.

There was nothing to prepare watchers for what was to follow. The pair began their partnership in the final game of a pre-season tour of Sweden, and immediately it clicked.

In spite of his games as a forward at Watford, however, Bassett still saw him as a wide man. The club had bought Joseph, and Agana began the first game of the season on the bench, as substitute to cover the new winger, Bryson, while Deane and Joseph were the twin forwards.

Joseph pulled his hamstring before half-time, ironically scoring United's first goal of the season, and Agana came on to set up an instant partnership with the young Yorkshireman.

"They enjoy playing together, they both work for another, it isn't as if one is the workhorse and the other feeds off him," Bassett remarked, "but I wouldn't say they have a telepathic understanding. I think both would be successful without the other."

Having cost under £80,000 between them, they are now valued at over £1million. But if they go on scoring and disturbing defences at their presentrate, they are even more valuable on the field to their club and their manager as the spearhead which could take United back to the first division and give Bassett the astonishing record of taking two clubs from the lower divisions all the way to the first.

Forest to improve ground

Nottingham Forest yesterday unveiled plans to make their City ground the top stadium in the Midlands over the next five years, when they are likely to develop the Trent End and/or the Bridgford Road end, the only uncovered part of the ground.

During the summer they paid the last instalment on the Executive stand, built 10 years ago, and following their twin cup triumph last season, sold more than £1 million worth of season tickets.

"Until we get the full implications of the Taylor Report and discover what happens over the identity card issue, we will have to sit tight. Feasibility studies have been carried out and we should be in a position to act accordingly when we know what is expected of us," Maurice Roworth, the Forest chairman, said.

● The appointment with a Football Association disciplinary commission next Tuesday of Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, to answer charges of bringing the game into disrepute has been postponed because neither he nor the Hampshire referee, John Martin, are available.

The charges arose out of an incident following the first division fixture between Wimbledon and Millwall on August 29.

● Cardiff City have signed Leigh Barnard, a midfield player, aged 31, from Swindon Town for £25,000.

● Mark Robson, aged 20, the Tottenham Hotspur winger, has joined Watford on a month's loan and the second division club's manager, Steve Harrison, said: "There is the possibility of making things more permanent."

● Gary Kelly, the Newcastle United Republic of Ireland under-21 goalkeeper, yesterday joined third division Bury on a month's loan.

● Mark Rees, the Walsall defender, who broke a leg in the home game with Preston last week, is out for six weeks.

Hamilton mystery exit

Billy Hamilton's Irish League sojourn with Coleraine may have ended after only one game (George Ace writes).

The former Northern Ireland forward resigned as player-manager of Limerick City a few weeks ago, and linked up with Jim Platt at Coleraine. He played against Newry Town last Saturday, but is not in the team to face Ards this afternoon.

Platt, player-manager at The Showground, was vague about the future of Hamilton, who is believed to be in Burnley looking for a position with a non-League club. "He may be back with us if nothing materializes in England," Platt said.

The top of the Irish League makes for strange reading with Newry, Carrick Rangers and Glenavon all on six points from two games. There may not be much change tonight with Glenavon at home to Cliftonville, Ballymena United at Carrick and Newry at home to Distillery.

Wales recall Hopkins

Jeff Hopkins, the Crystal Palace defender who has not played international football for four years, has been recalled to the Welsh squad for next Wednesday's World Cup qualifying game against Holland at Wrexham.

Hopkins replaces the Welsh captain, Kevin Ratcliffe, who is out after suffering a groin injury in Everton's Littlewoods Cup tie against Leyton Orient.

Tony Norman, the Sunderland goalkeeper, also pulled out yesterday after suffering a reaction to a recent hand operation. Wales will call up Birmingham's Martin Thomas.

● Scotland received welcome news yesterday for next week's important World Cup qualifying match against France when Paul McStay of Celtic and Jim Bett of Aberdeen reported fit.

● The Wales FA has signed a sponsorship deal for the Welsh Cup with Welsh Brewers Ltd, which could net them more than £100,000 over three years.

Chance to be coached by Wade

A chance to be part of an exclusive tennis coaching session with the Virginia Wade Master Class is offered today to readers of *The Times*. In conjunction with Prudential, the sponsors of the national championships, six winners, each with one guest spectator, will also receive tickets for the tournament, together with lunch in the players' lounge.

The Prudential national championships are to be held at Telford Racquet Centre from October 30 to November 5. The coaching class under the leadership of the 1977 Wimbledon women's singles champion will be held on Tuesday, October 31. Eligibility is restricted to players aged from 12 to 21.

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The tickets to watch the action will be for the same day as the Master Class and return travel, from residencies within Great Britain, will be provided. Each winner will also receive a copy of the Virginia Wade coaching video *Virginia Wade's Class*.

To enter the competition, study the questions below, complete the entry form, and return it to Prudential Tennis Competition, *The Times*, Sports Department, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The closing date for entries is Tuesday, October 17. The winners will be the senders of the first six correct solutions opened after the closing date.

THE QUESTIONS

1 Which country was defeated by Britain in the first round of the Federation Cup this week?

2 Who are the defending Prudential national champions?

3 Who is the youngest player to have won a grand slam singles tournament?

4 Whose autobiography was entitled *Courting Triumph*?

5 In which year did Jo Durie and Jeremy Bates win the mixed doubles championship at Wimbledon?

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FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

CLYDEBANK: International match: Scotland bt Ireland, 8-1 (Scotland names first): Men: Singles: A Gallagher bt L McKenna, 15-2, 15-1. Doubles: D Travers and K Middlemiss bt R Keogh and P Ferguson, 15-6, 15-6. Women: Doubles: J Allen and E Allen bt C Munster and C Dohsey, 15-4, 15-8. Mixed doubles: R Hogg and E Allen lost to P Ferguson and A Stephens, 11-15, 6-15.

DUSSELDORF: West German Open championships: Men's singles: First round (English results only): A Antropov (USSR) bt A Nielsen, 15-11, 18-17; N Yates bt J Olsson (Swe), 18-15, 8-15, 15-8; S Butler bt M Keck (WG), 15-13, 15-7; S Baddeley bt P Axelsson (Swe), 7-15, 18-15, 15-1. Second round: J-P Herhoff (Den) bt Yates; 15-10, 7-15, 15-9; P Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt Butler, 15-10, 15-8; Baddeley bt N Stuby (Den), 15-4, 15-4. Women's singles: First round: F Smith bt M Hoogland (Neth), 0-11, 11-4, 11-7. Second round: Sarwendah K Wardhani (Indonesia) bt Smith, 11-8, 11-2; S Louis bt K Ubben (WG), 11-3, 12-10.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-off: Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco Giants 5 (best-of-seven series level, 1-1).

BASKETBALL

MEN'S CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: First round, second leg: Mist Livingston 86, Stovkunde (Denmark) 69 (Livingston win 193-121 on aggregate); Benik Prievidza (Cz) 95, Taby (Swe) 81 (agg:178-132); Csepel Budapest 94, Stroitel Kiev 97 (agg: 192-228); BK Klosterneuburg (Austria) 98, Hasenkich Hellingen (Lux) 101 (agg: 187-182); Steiner Bayreuth (WG) 97, Den Helder (Neth) 79 (agg: 172-176); Philips Milan 92, Benfica 73 (agg: 204-172); Mechelen (Bel) 113, Partizani (Alb) 64 (agg: 202-132); Pully (Switz) 104 Helsingin (Fin) 90 (agg: 194-177); BK Keflavik (Ice) 91, Stockholm (Swe) 79 (agg: 170-170); Cesepel Budapest 109 (agg: 196-200). KORAC CUP: First round, second leg: BSG Ludwigsburg (WG) 92, Blaschke Mollersdorf (Austria) 82 (agg: 176-153).
WOMEN'S CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: First round: First leg: Estrom Pristo (N) 111, Wiederlange (Lux) 43. Second leg: Den Helder (Neth) 58, Arvika (Swe) 62 (agg: 104-131); Wolmirsz Pablanice (Pol) 85, Forssan Alku (Fin) 67 (agg: 157-131); Banco Exterior Toledo (Sp) 77, Estrelas da Avenida (Por) 59 (agg: 170-116); Asturac Mirande (Fr) 85, Fenerbaci Universitesi (Tur) 45 (agg: 193-104); Sporting Club (Gr) 73, Elitzur Holon (Is) 51 (agg:153-121); MTK-VM (Hun) 84, UBC Wels (Austria) 65 (agg:148-134); Kremlikovtsi (Bul) 67, Wuppertal (WG) 81 (agg:142-135); Universitatea Cluj (Rom) 90, Partizan Tirana 61 (agg:171-133).

BOXING

BANGKOK: IBF light-flyweight championship (12rds): Muangchai Kittikasem (Thai, holder) bt Tacy Macalos (Philippines), rsc 7th.

EQUESTRIANISM

WEMBLEY: Horse of the Year Show: Norwich Union National Grade C Championship: 1, Everest Unique (M Edgar), 0 in 25.15; 2, Zalotak (S Hadley), 0 in 26.10; 3, Brown Group Genesis (R Barton), 0 in 26.27. International Stakes: 1, Everest Gringo (E-J Mac), 44.43 sec; 2, Trinity Bristow (D Lampard), 45.65; 3, Zephyrus (A Miller), 47.73. Daily Mail Clarksy Beaufort Championship: 1, Silver King (S Bowen), 0 in 29.10; 2, Lady Goor (I Fox), 0 in 29.57; 3, Xray Superb (V Young), 0 in 31.43. Wednesday: The Norwich Union Leading Show Jumper of the Year: 1, Brook Street Picnic (S Smith), 0 in 30.77; 2, Viewpoint (P Heller), 0 in 32.30; 3, Everest Oyster (E-J Mac), 0 in 36.57. Arab Horse Society Mare of the Year: D Mason's Prince Consort. C A Cooper Competition Hack of the Year Champion: D R Cronk's Agar Hair Apparent; Reserve: Mr and Mrs J Keen's Formidable. Modern Alarms Cup: 1, Country Classics Vital (J Turi), 0 in 31.96; 2, Next Million (J Whitaker), 0 in 32.76; 3, Queensway Lannegan (D Broome), 0 in 32.81. N M Financial Pulpasaurus: equal 1, Next Did (M Whitaker) and Supermarket (T Stockdale), sdj; Cresher by-Hand. Champion: Miss A J Murray's Hunting Eve. Associated Dressage Horse of the Year: Prince Consort (D Mason).

TABLE TENNIS

CIRENCESTER: Women's International: West Germany bt England, 5-0 (England names first): F Elliot lost to K Nolan, 19-21, 19-21; A Gordon lost to O Neruss, 15-21, 19-21; A Holt lost to N Struse, 14-21, 21-18, 19-21; Elliot lost to Neruss, 19-21, 17-21; Holt lost to Nolan, 18-21, 17-21; Gordon lost to Struse, 21-15, 19-21, 8-21 (best-of-three series level, 1-1).

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City 1, Blackburn Rovers 0; Derby County 3, Huddersfield Town 0; Sheffield United 2, Aston Villa 1. Second division: West Bromwich Albion 4, Blackpool 0; Wigan Athletic 2, Grimsby Town 2.
FA YOUTH CUP: Clapton 3, Royston 3.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: First round: Great Yarmouth 3, West Norfolk 1; Lincoln 2, Nottingham 0; South East Sussex 8, Thanet 0.
CHILDREN: European under-21 championship: Group seven: Czechoslovakia 1, Portugal 0.

GOLF

MONKTONHALL: Scottish professional championship: First round: 66: S Stephen (unattached), 67: M Miller (unattached), 68: C Mallman (Eyemouth), 70: D Barbour (Fulston), J Chillas (Stirling), P Girvan (Erskine), R Drummond (Continental Airlines), A Dickson (Dalmahoy), G Weir (Elderslie). 71: G Taylor (Hazlehead), A Hunter (Normandy DR), C Brooks (Grangemouth). 72: F Mann (Ballater), J McTear (Cowglen), M Gray (Ladybank), P Bridger (Alloa), G Niven (Turnberry), C Irvish (Ladybank), B Dumbar (Easter Moffat), C Gillies (Glenbervie), G Harvey (unattached), K Stables (Ranfurly Castle).
SAN ANTONIO: Texas Open: First round (US unless stated): 68: L Wadkins, M Wiebe, T Sieckmann; 69: D Forsman; 69: S Pate, P Azinger, D Pooley; 69: J Boros, D Hammond, S Haskins, H Irwin, S Hoch, R Thompson.
NAGOYA: Japan Open: Second round (Japanese unless stated): 134: M Ozaki, 66, 68; 136: B Jones (Aus), 67, 69; 138: A Yokoyama, 67, 69; N Sugai, 69, 67; 137: E Deguchi, 71, 66; 140: T Ueno, 70, 70; T Maruyama, 68, 72.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New Jersey Devils 6, Philadelphia Flyers 2; Montreal Canadiens 4, Hartford Whalers 1; Boston Bruins 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Buffalo Sabres 4, Quebec Nordiques 3; Minnesota North Stars 6, New York Islanders 5; St Louis Blues 8, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Calgary Flames 10, Detroit Red Wings 7; Edmonton Oilers 4, Vancouver Canucks 1; Los Angeles Kings 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: French open championship: Women's singles: First round: F Derousseau bt A Perrier, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; B Bidouze bt A Perrier, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; J Howell bt S McGivern, 6-4, 6-4; L Bury (Aus) bt E Baram (US), 6-2, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Oldham 19, Wigan 18.
YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Halifax 18, Bradford 16.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Derestone 38, Highfields 14; Embley Park 16, Churcher's College 3; Loughborough GS 17, Welbeck 13; Perse 0, Royal Hospital 8.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ipswich v Middlesbrough (postponed, track waterlogged).
BRITISH LEAGUE: Belle Vue v Swindon (postponed, track waterlogged). Second division knockout cup: Final, first leg: Belle Vue v Swindon (postponed, track waterlogged).

TENNIS

BASLE: Men's indoor tournament: Second round: O Camporese (Italy) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-4, 6-4; O Delaitre (Fr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; M Filippini (Ur) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; A Gomez (Ec) bt M Sreiber (Ge), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt J Hasek (Switz), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; J Courier (US) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 6-4. Quarter-final: Gomez bt Ivanisevic, 6-3, 7-6.
ORLANDO, Florida: Grand prix tournament: Second round: J Yzaga (Peru) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-4, 7-6; D Wheaton (US) bt G Layendecker (US), 6-4, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt J Ross (US), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; A Agassi (US) bt T Witsken (US), 7-5, 6-3.
BRISBANE: Queensland Open (Aus unless stated): Men's quarter-finals: N Kroon (Swe) bt S Barr, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Woodforde bt E Jelen (WG), 6-2, 7-6; W Masur bt J Seltenberg, 7-5, 6-0; T Woodbridge bt D Cahill, 6-4, 7-7, 6-4.

GOLF: ENGLISHMAN WITH CONFLICT OF LOYALTIES TAKES ONE-STROKE LEAD IN GERMAN MASTERS

Brooks in the frame for glory

By a Special Correspondent

Displaying the sort of resilience which carried him to a six-stroke victory in the British assistants' championship at Hillside two months ago, Colin Brooks returned the lowest round of the day, a two-under-par 69, to move into contention at the halfway stage of the John Birnie Scottish professional championship at Monktonhall, Edinburgh, yesterday.

Within days of returning from the United States assistants' championship at Brockton, Massachusetts, in which he finished fifteenth, Brooks, the former Scottish amateur champion, dismissed notions of jet-lag with a sparkling second round that earned him a tie on 140 with former title-holder and Scottish PGA captain, John Chillas, only two strokes behind overnight leader Sandy Stephen.

Heading the Tartan Tour money list with earnings amounting to almost £20,000, having accepted the winner's cheques at four leading tournaments this season, Brooks played a wedge to eight feet for a confidence-building birdie start, to which he immediately added further gains at the third and fourth, holing from 20 feet and 30 feet respectively.

Looking to retain the title he won at Haggs Castle 12 months ago, Stephen dropped strokes at both closing holes but still held on to his position at the head of the field with a total of 138.

LEADING SCORES: 138: S Stephen (unattached), 66, 72. 139: M Miller (unattached), 67, 72; C Mallman (Eyemouth), 69, 70. 140: J Chillas (Stirling), 70, 70; C Brooks (Grangemouth), 71, 69. 141: A Hunter (Normandy), 71, 70. 142: G Weir (Elderslie), 70, 72; R Drummond (Continental Airlines), 70, 72. 143: P Girvan (Erskine), 70, 73. 144: D James (Southerness), 74, 70; K Walker (Kings Links), 74, 70.

Holders reach second round

The Scottish quartet, evenly spaced in the draw, of Dollar Academy, Watsons, George Heriots and the holders, Robert Gordons, came through the first round of the public schools old boys' championship for the Grafton Morrish Trophy, at Hunstanton and Brancaster yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Early first-round matches had the best of the weather; by mid-afternoon the rain had produced the unaccustomed conditions for 1989 of casual water and slow greens.

Faldo has to pay the price of success

From Mel Webb
Stuttgart

The price of fame is that everybody wants you sitting at their dinner table. Somebody has to end up disappointed, and more often than not, they feel pretty miffed when the invitation is sent back with a polite refusal.

Take Nick Faldo. His success on both sides of the Atlantic means that he has the European PGA Tour and the US PGA clamouring for his company at their end-of-season showpiece tournaments, the Volvo Masters and the Nabisco championship respectively, both taking place between October 26 and 29.

Faldo, who won the Volvo event last year, stands to win £66,660 if he defends the title successfully in Valderrama. If he keeps up the form he showed here in the German Masters at the Solitude club yesterday, when a 66 put him nine under par with most of the rest a mile behind, he could still pick up a £65,000 bonus for topping the European money list.

Volvo quite naturally want their champion in Spain, and the European Tour would almost certainly be unwilling to release him to flip over the pond to put in an appearance in the Nabisco.

First prize at Hilton Head Island is about £280,000, plus bonuses, which are paid to all contestants — only the top 30 in the United States money list are invited, and Faldo is 27th. What comes first, a big pay day or a slightly smaller big pay day?

The man himself, understandably, has divided loyalties heavily tinged with an undercurrent of anger at what he sees as a lack of communication between the two Tour organizations. "I'm right up in the air about the whole thing," he said. "The European Tour are not too impressed that I might go to America, but I'm sure if I went over there and won it, they'd be as delighted as pie.

"They've got to protect Volvo's interests. All I know is that I'm caught in the middleand I'm going to be the bad boy whichever way it goes because they screwed up and got their dates opposite each other."

Faldo may be more than a little mixed up about his future, but there was not a lot to complain about after a sparkling second round in which, with several mighty bounds, he leapt clear of the pack.

Showing the benefit of his latest teach-in by his long-time coach, David Leadbetter, he finished on a total of 135, four birdies and an eagle putting him a stroke in front of Payne Stewart.

Among those trailing along disconsolately behind were a subdued Bernhard Langer, and Severiano Ballesteros, who maintained the form he had shown the day before when he scored a second successive 75. Langer will be back before his adoring West German public at the weekend, Ballesteros will not; he missed the cut by a distance.

LEADING EARLY SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 135: N Faldo. 69, 66. 136: P Stewart (US), 69, 67. 137: R Davis (Aus), 68, 69. 139: K Waters. 68, 71. 140:

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	459	4	10	208	3
2	558	5	11	432	4
3	186	3	12	350	4
4	367	4	13	405	4
5	336	4	14	557	5
6	394	4	15	186	3
7	481	5	16	350	4
8	148	3	17	465	4
9	405	4	18	552	5
Out	3,334	36	In	3,505	36

Total yardage: 6,839 Par: 72

CYCLING

Fignon failed drug test

The Hague (AFP) — Laurent Fignon, the world No. 1, was tested positive for amphetamines after the Liberation grand prix team time trial in the Netherlands last month.

Despite reports that Fignon had threatened to sue the Dutch federation, the results of the test on Fignon, who has twice won the Tour de France, were confirmed by the French federation.

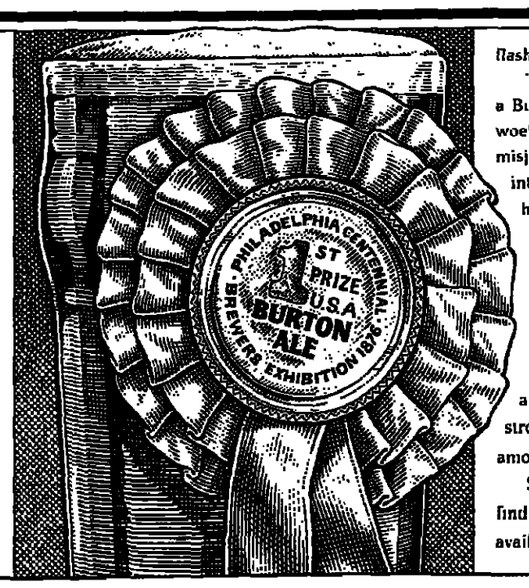
In a country never slow to proclaim its own virtues, the behaviour of certain Americans in 1876 represented something of a climbdown.

To celebrate the 100th year of their clean-living nation, our Yankee friends invited the world's trades and industries to take part in a great exhibition.

Presumably to pick up a few tips on ale brewing they asked Allsopps of Burton-on-Trent (our illustrious forebears), to display the workings of a modern brewery.

With uncharacteristic humility and gamefully striving to appear to share the good taste of their British counterparts, the judges gave Allsopps a prize for their hoppy Burton ale.

But as history shows, this unprecedented flash of good taste was short-lived.



The Americans, rather than perfecting a Burton-style ale of their own, went woefully astray and in a moment of terrible misjudgement chose to pour their energies into the creation of the grease-ridden hot dog and chequered golf slacks.

Thankfully, England kept a grip and today, Ind Coope's Burton Ale is still brewed in the same style as that which the Americans drank by the stetson-full in 1876.

Using the famous Burton water and the finest malt and hops this strong, full-bodied hoppy ale is a classic amongst beers.

Served at a civilised temperature, you'll find it ungreasy, unchequered and unavailable in America.

Whatever happened to the good taste the Americans showed in 1876?

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RUGBY UNION: REFEREES IN CALL FOR STRONGER ACTION AGAINST VIOLENCE ON THE PITCH WHILE WELSH CLUBS PREPARE TO MEET ALL BLACK TOURING PARTY

Davies returns for Llanelli in re-run of Welsh Cup final

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The thought that the New Zealand touring party, which arrives on Tuesday, will concentrate the minds of the Welsh clubs as they go into their games today.

Cardiff, who face the All Black wave first, play their old foes from Newport before deciding their team tomorrow, while Swansea — who play the second Saturday match of the tour — play Harlequins.

Neath and Llanelli, Wales's strongest clubs who entertain New Zealand during the same week, meet in a fraternal struggle at Stradey Park in what is a re-run of last season's Schweppes Welsh Cup final, which Neath won. Phil Davies, the national captain, returns for Llanelli, for whom Ieuan Evans plays his first game since dislocating a shoulder in the last match of the British Lions tour to Australia in July.

The All Blacks warm up in Canada tomorrow with a game against British Columbia, their side including two of the promising young backs — Tuigamala on the wing and Little at stand-off half — who will create so much interest in Wales and Ireland. Three further newcomers, Henderson (flanker), Gordon (lock) and Purvis (prop), appear in the scrum in a judicious mixture of youth and experience.

Cardiff are clinging to the hope that Young, the Welsh and British Lions tight-head prop, may have recovered from a hamstring injury. Swansea, meanwhile, bring international half backs to London in Clement and Jones, who will find that his colleague in Paris on Wednesday, Ackford, is missing. The Harlequins lock sustained a groin injury playing against France and withdrew yesterday, replaced by Thresher.

But as one Lion leaves the stage, however temporarily, another appears in Moore, the Nottingham hooker, who makes his first appearance of the season at Northampton. The return of Teague, the Gloucester flanker, who was Moore's colleague in the Lions' international side against Australia, will be longer delayed, but he is in training and another fortnight could see him back.

The northern division of the county championship will pause for breath after today, when three games in the space of eight days will give a firm indication of this season's regional champions. At least, they will if Yorkshire, against Cumbria at Otley, continue to dispose of all-comers as they have so far. Yorkshire field the same XV which beat Cheshire 40-3 on Tuesday. Cumbria include a newcomer at hooker in Jordan (Cockermouth).

Northumberland, second in the table at present, have lost Johnson, their experienced stand-off half, for the game at Wilmslow against Cheshire. He is suffering from a groin injury

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Llanelli v Neath
Llanelli retain Lamerton at hooker and have Phil Davies and Ieuan Evans back from injury at lock and wing. Neath, though they have their national squad members available, will miss Paul Williams (stand-off) and Isaac (hooker), both injured.

Pontypridd v Richmond
Pontypridd, near full strength, play Mike Thomas at full back and Jarman, formerly of Newbridge, at No. 8. Chris Cooper, brother of Doug, the captain, plays his first senior game of the season for Richmond at prop and Attfield comes in at lock.

Newport v Cardiff
After completing a period of suspension, Hillman, the Newport prop, returns alongside Gregory and Rhys Morgan in the front row. Miller appears on Cardiff's wing and David Evans comes in at stand-off.

Sale v Moseley
Hamer is fit again in time to play full back for Sale instead of Jenion, injured in training this week. Moseley, who have lost 19 consecutive away games, field Edgar and Bowland in the back row, Mitchell (prop) and Smith (centre).

Hawick's chance to recover

By Alan Lorimer

John Rutherford, the former Scotland stand-off, suggested recently that a team could lose three matches and still finish as champions, so closely matched are the clubs in this year's first division. If three is indeed the maximum number of losses that any side can suffer then today's matches at Bridgehaugh and Raeburn Place will determine whether Hawick and Kelso are still viable challengers.

Both the champions and the former champions lost their first two national league games and will want to stop what is an alarming blow to Borders prestige, even though Melrose, Jedforest and Gala are among the six clubs with maximum points.

Of the two, Hawick have much the better chance of regaining lost ground when they face Stirling County in what will be the first encounter between the teams. Stirling County, the only club to have progressed from division seven to the top flight, have already beaten Stewart's-Melville this season.

Raeburn Place has been a successful ground for Kelso but today fortune would seem to favour Edinburgh Academicals, who have named a full-strength side, including the Scotland B players, Moore and Hogarth, and the British Lion, Sole. Kelso have brought in two New Zealand players at wing and lock but even this might not avert a third defeat.

Boroughmuir, the leaders, should record their third win today against Selkirk, who have already lost to Gala and Melrose. The latter two face each other at Netherdale, where Melrose start as clear favourites.

The other Border challenge so far has come from Jed-forest who look take on Stewart's-Melville at Riverside and despite the loss of their Scotland under 21 centre, Douglas, through injury should have six league points by the end of today's match.

The Edinburgh side has chosen the British Isles captain, Calder, but without their first choice scrum half, Scott, and the Scotland prop, Brewster, another defeat seems likely.

Isolation amid violence

By George Crawford

Every Saturday afternoon, through the kindness of the staff at Epsom College, I referee one of the junior matches there. I do this for enjoyment and in the true belief that every effort should be made to encourage youngsters to play rugby.

Four years ago, after I had walked off the field in the Bristol v Newport match as a personal protest against violence on the field, I firmly believed that even though I was punished by the Rugby Football Union, something positive would result. At that time, I was foolishly of the opinion that the sacrifice would be worthwhile.

Nothing appears to have changed, and once again David Hands, Rugby Correspondent of *The Times*, has written about the problems of violence associated with the game. He tells us in the same article that the RFU has appointed 11 youth development officers whose main responsibility is to encourage young people to play the game.

What chance have they — or the other enthusiastic amateurs who week after week persuade parents to allow their children to play rugby — when at the very peak of the game, violence is endemic?

But more dangerous still is the erosion of respect for the authority of the referee. Four years ago, I stated that it was the responsibility of the players, captain, club officials and the RFU to ensure that people actually obey the law of the land when they play. Far from supporting the referee, it would now appear that it is open season for the man or woman in the middle.

Recently, the newspapers have been full of allegations that referees failed to take control of a number of league games, as the louts, dressed in the colours of some of the greatest rugby teams in the world, went about their thuggish business.

***Few words have been written* about the responsibility of everyone else associated with the game. What immediate action was taken by the RFU and club officials to control the damage done to the image of the game?**

If such behaviour had taken place on a football field, or even in the crowd, there would have been an inquiry. Instead, what we got was the castigation of the referee and an ominous silence from those responsible for the supervision and well-being of the game. It would now appear that these levels of officialdom are almost impotent to deal with the problem.

Four years ago, Clive Norling, the Welsh referee, wrote an article in *The Times*. It was headed: "Words of caution about a game that is getting out of control."

He expressed concern about the violence on the field: "In an age when authority is being increasingly questioned in society, the referee should be supported by all who care about the future of the game. Without that support, it is inevitable that more referees will not only walk off the field but will also walk out of the game." Norling has again found it necessary to call into question the behaviour of players on the field.

But what worries me most is the total lack of response from officials in the referees' societies in defence of their referees. Is it not their responsibility to defend their members when they are criticized for matters which are out of their control?

The tragedy is that many of the people who hold the power do not wish to rock the boat in case it reflects badly on them when they seek election to higher positions in the union.

Well, if they cannot or will not do it, then the referees should stand up and speak out in their own defence, even though it might upset the establishment. They should always remember that they actually hold the power. If no referees were to turn up at the grounds one Saturday, the rugby union programme would be ruined.

In the Epsom College programme last Saturday, Keith Douglas, himself a referee and member of the London Society of Referees, wrote: "Rugby Union is played by 31 players — 15 on each team, plus the referee. The referee has every right to enjoy the game as much as the competing players and his sole purpose is to see that neither side gains an undue advantage and to promote an atmosphere conducive to the playing of good, bright and interesting rugby.

"Is there a player or ex-player among you who has never made a mistake on the field of play? Or had a bad day? For some reason, referees are expected to have a perfect day at every outing, have 20-20 vision, front, rear and to the sides, in addition to X-ray vision through scrums, rucks and mauls. Contrary to widely-held opinion, referees are human and as such they have on occasions a less-than-perfect day."

How many players, club officials and members of the media take these comments *into* account before they castigate the referee?

As the game of rugby attracts large amounts of sponsorship and players are treated like "professionals", there *is* a real danger that the referee will become increasingly isolated.

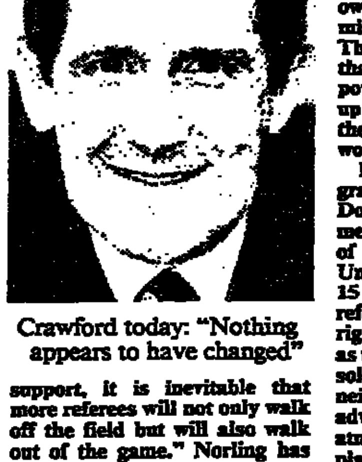
It has now become all too common for the referee to receive a less-than-joyous welcome in the bar after the home team has lost. How many referees leave clubs on a Saturday afternoon totally disillusioned after travelling, in some cases, hundreds of miles to carry out their duties? Indeed, after a particularly inhospitable afternoon, many question their future in the game; the referee turn-over statistics each season make worrying reading.

Let me offer a comment which was made in my defence after a game at London Welsh some years ago. As I was having what might be described as a dressing-down by an official of a well-known Welsh team, a member of London Welsh intervened and said: "Leave the man alone. He has given up his Saturday to help us, for the price of his bus fare and a pint of beer."

All those associated in any way with the game should note and mentally digest.



Too much to take: Four years ago, Crawford walked off in disgust at violence in rugby



Crawford today: "Nothing appears to have changed"

Tackling a difficult question early

By David Hands

One of the many pleasures of being in Paris on Wednesday was captured within a minute as the game between France and the four home unions neared its end. On the far side of the Parc des Princes, Gavin Hastings made a tackle on Bernard Lacombe who must have felt as though a house had fallen on him, then on the near side Rory Underwood cut down Patrice Lagisquet in full flight.

The point about both tackles were that they were the classical side-on, hard and low variety which are seen so infrequently in these days of the high smother, which leads so frequently to dangerous tackles. Not infrequently smother tackling proves ineffective, a point made very clearly to some members of the international party which toured South Africa recently.

Tackling is one of the most basic constituents of either code of rugby and it is important, in these days of limited teaching to youngsters and increasing litigation in sport, that it is taught correctly. So it was appropriate that the technical directors and chairmen of coaching committees of the five nations chose to hold their annual meeting in Paris last Wednesday too.

Much of their time was devoted to how children play the game and Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union's technical administrator, was pleased to find the French approach even more insistent than that of the RFU, who have received objections from a number of counties at the decision to remove contact from the game played by under-eights.

"We have produced this continuum, *in which* we encourage boys and girls to run and handle the ball below the age of eight," Rutherford said. "At nine we introduce the passive scrum, at 10 the active scrum and the lineout, at 11 kicking comes in. But the French have no scrum or lineout in their game until children are 13, they just concentrate on running and passing.

"This is a philosophy we are trying to get over to our clubs because they now have the broad responsibility for teaching the game, and though there is plenty of enthusiasm, some of them are not very good at it."

It will have escaped few people's notice that the French are quite good at running, and timing, the pass, be they forwards or backs, and that very frequently leading players appear in different positions. The same goes for Australians, so many of whom play league as well as union during their school days with the emphasis on running with the ball.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League

Second division

Blackburn v Middlesbrough
Bradford v Brighton
Hull v Swindon
Ipswich v Newcastle
Oldham v Barnsley
Oxford v Portsmouth
Plymouth v Stoke
P Vale v Leicester
Sunderland v Bournemouth
Watford v WBA
West Ham v Leeds
Wolverhampton v Sheffield Utd

FA VASE: Preliminary round: Esh Winning v Hebburn; Consett v South Shields; Washington v Newtown Aycliffe; Norton and Stockton Ancients v Evenwood; Netherfield v Ryhope CA; Darlington CB v Chester-le-Street; Coundon TT v Seaton Delaval Amateurs; Bridlington Trinity v Annfield Plain; Shotton Comrades v Bedlington Terriers; Eppleton CW v Crook; Sunderland Roker v Dunston FB; Northallerton v Cleator Moor Celtic; West Auckland v Prudhoe East End; Alnwick v Willington; Peterlee Newtown v Ashington; Heswall v Salford; Lancaster v Skelmersdale; Knowsley v Vauxhall GM; Flixton v Merseyside Police; Prescot Cables v Ashton; Gt Harwood v Curzon Ashton; Burscough v Rocester; Darwen v Knypersley Victoria; Oldham v Atherton LR; Chadderton v Poulton Victoria; Leyland Motors v Cheadle; Blackpool Mechanics v Droylsden; General Chemicals v Maine Road; St Dominics v Formby; Blackpool Wren Rovers v Douglas High School OB; Clitheroe v Bootle; Glossop v Irlam; Armthorpe Welfare v Sheffield; Clipstone Welfare v Grimethorpe MW; Eccleshill v Staveley Works (walkover for Eccleshill); Arnold v Bradley Rangers; Denaby v Harworth CI; Immingham v Ossett Albion; Frecheville Community v Sutton; Pickering v Hucknall; Louth v Thackley; Lincoln v Belper; Selby v Harrogate; Gainsborough v Maltby MW; Pontefract Collieries v Yorkshire Amateurs; Walsall Wood v Boldmere St Michaels; Westfields v Boston; Raunds v Wellingborough; Wolverhampton Casuals v Melton; Anstey Nomads v Racing Club Warwick; Baker Perkins v Sandwell; Rushall Olympic v Holwell Sports; Rushden v Chasetown; Halesowen Harriers v Kings Heath; Northampton Spencer v Evesham; Highgate v Meir KA; Harrisons v Stratford; Lye v Malvern; Oldbury v Hinckley; Spalding v Knowle; Wednesfield v Irthlingborough Diamonds; Northfield v Rothwell; Desborough v Solihull; Hinckley v Brackley; Bilston v Tividale; RSSC Ransomes v Billericay; Gt Shelford v Newmarket; Histon v Long Sutton; Felixstowe v Lowestoft; Saffron Walden v Heybridge; Brantham v Soham Rangers; St Ives v Eynesbury; Tiptree v Downham; Wroxham v Basildon; Gorleston v Bowers; Norwich v King's Lynn; Halstead v Diss; Mirrlees Blackstone v Stowmarket; Royston v Canvey Island; Brightlingsea v Harwich and Parkeston; Huntingdon v Bourne; Edgware v Aveley; Ruislip Manor v Amersham; Rayners Lane v Biggleswade; Rainham v Elliott Star; Kempston v Wootton Blue Cross; Welwyn GC v Beckenham; Flackwell Heath v Northwood; Woodford v Beaconsfield; Stotfold v Winslow; Tring v Arlesey; Letchworth v Ware; Sun Sports v Vauxhall Motors; Eton Manor v Molesey; Finchley v Hoddesdon; Buckingham v Collier Row; MK Wolverton v Hertford; Cheshunt v Potton; Feltham v Beckton; Stevenage v Waltham Abbey; Brimsdown v Leighton; Clapton v Shillington; Hornchurch v Wingate; Cockfosters v Barton; Hemel Hempstead v Walthamstow Pennant; Cray v Ringmer; Darenth Heathside v Tunbridge Wells; Hartley Wintney v Banstead; Hythe v Malden Vale; Chichester v Chatham; Danson v Littlehampton; Portfield v Steyning; Oakwood v Egham; Redhill v Midland Bank; Peacehaven and Telscombe v Farnham; Wandsworth and Norwood v Crockenhill; Bracknell v Ramsgate; Wick v Lancing; Langney v Sittingbourne; Horley v Deal; Merstham v Pagham; Maidenhead United v West Wickham; Eastbourne United v Corinthian Casuals; Shoreham v Farleigh; Haywards Heath v Hastings; Horsham YMCA v Whitstable; Arundel v Burgess Hill; Alma Swanley v Greenwich; Three Bridges v Whitehawk; Chipstead v Bedfont; Bicester v Newbury; Supermarine v Wimborne; Wantage v Petersfield; Abingdon v Wallingford; Brockenhurst v Eastleigh; Swindon v Horndean; Warminster v Romsey; Totton v Vale Recreation; First Tower v Swanage and Herston; Westbury v Bournemouth; Lymington v Didcot; Thame v Bishops Cleeve; East Cowes VA v Headington Amateurs; Wotton v Radstock; Clanfield v Yate; Portishead v Clandown; Sharpness v Trowbridge; Patchway v Bristol Manor Farm; Port of Bristol v Melksham; DRG (FP) v Fairford; Shortwood v Devizes; Moreton v Backwell; Chippenham v Almondsbury Picksons; Highworth v Calne; Glastonbury v Bristol Manor Farm; Barnstaple v St Austell; Torrington v Chard; Wellington v St

Third division

Bolton v Wigan
Brentford v Bristol C
Bristol R v Fulham
Chester v Bury
Huddersfield v Cardiff
Northampton v Preston
Rotherham v Birmingham
Shrewsbury v Mansfield
Swansea v Crewe
Walsall v Notts Co

Blazey; Minehead v Ilfracombe; Liskeard v Newquay.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Liverpool (2.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0): Crystal Palace v Charlton; Tottenham v West Ham; Wimbledon v Oxford (3.0).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Coleraine; Carrick v Ballymena; Glenavon v Cliftonville; Linfield v Larne; Newry v Crusaders; Portadown v Glentoran.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Kingstonian; Bishop's Stortford v Aylesbury; Bromley v Leyton-Wingate; Dulwich v Harrow; Grays v Basingstoke; Hayes v Hendon; Marlow v Bognor Regis; Redbridge Forest v Dagenham; Slough v Wokingham; St Albans v Windsor and Eton; Staines v Carshalton. First division: Chalfont St Peter v Whyteleafe; Croydon v Chesham; Dorking v Boreham Wood; Kingsbury v Walton and Hersham; Leatherhead v Hitchin; Lewes v Metropolitan Police; Purfleet v Worthing; Southwick v Hampton; Uxbridge v Wembley; Tooting and Mitcham v Harlow; Wivenhoe v Woking. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Tilbury. Second division south: Camberley v Hungerford; Horsham v Epsom and Ewell; Southall v Chertsey; Yeading v Abingdon.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Colne Dynamo v Marine; Fleetwood v Bishop Auckland; Frickley v Buxton; Gainsborough v Horwich; Gateshead v Witton; Goole v Hyde; Mossley v Morecambe; South Liverpool v Matlock; Stalybridge v Shepshed. First division: Accrington Stanley v Worksop; Congleton v Penrith; Eastwood Town v Radcliffe; Farsley v Winsford; Leek v Workington; Rossendale v Eastwood Hanley; Whitley Bay v Emley.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth v Clevedon; Paulton v Plymouth Argyle; Saltash v Frome; Tiverton v Weston-super-Mare; Welton v Dawlish. Les Phillips Cup: Bridport v Ottery St Mary; Taunton v Elmore.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Town v Brandon; Blyth v Billingham Synthonia (3.15); Easington v Gretna; Newcastle Blue Star v Durham; Seaham Red Star v Shildon; South Bank v Ferryhill; Stockton v Guisborough; Tow Law v Whitby; Whickham v Spennymoor.

Fourth division

Aldershot v Colchester
Carlisle v Wrexham
Chesterfield v Lincoln
Grimsby v Rochdale
Hartlepool v Scunthorpe
Maidstone v Burnley
Peterborough v Exeter
Southend v Scarborough
Stockport v Hereford
Torquay v Doncaster
York v Cambridge

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Farnborough
Barnet v Telford
Barrow v Sutton Utd
Boston v Kidderminster
Cheltenham v Welling
Enfield v Darlington
Fisher v Chorley
Macclesfield v Yeovil
Northwich v Kettering
Stafford v Merthyr Tydfil
Wycombe v Runcorn

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v VS Rugby; Bromsgrove v Gravesend and Northfleet; Cambridge City v Dartford; Chelmsford v Gloucester; Corby v Crawley; Dorchester v Atherstone; Gosport v Dover; Moor Green v Bath; Waterlooville v Burton; Weymouth v Alvechurch; Worcester v Wealdstone. Midland division: Barry v Sutton Coldfield; Bedworth v Banbury; Halesowen v Bridgnorth; Leicester United v Hednesford; Nuneaton v Dudley; Redditch v Willenhall; Stourbridge v Grantham; Tamworth v Stroud. Southern division: Baldock v Hounslow; Burnham v Corinthian; Dunstable v Folkestone; Fareham v Bury; Margate v Andover; Poole v Canterbury; Salisbury v Bashley; Sheppey v Erith and Belvedere.

ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Pontllanfraith; Bridgend v Aberystwyth; Briton Ferry v Ammanford; Cwmbran v Pembroke; Haverfordwest v Maesteg; Llanelli v Ton Pentre.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg v Bridlington Town; Guiseley v Harrogate Railway; Hatfield Main v North Shields; North Ferriby v Hallam.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Arsenal v Queen's Park Rangers; Cambridge v Watford; Chelsea v Fulham; Gillingham v Charlton; Leyton Orient v Ipswich; Millwall v Norwich; Tottenham v Southend; West Ham v Portsmouth. Second division: Aldershot v Bournemouth; Brentford v Tottenham; Brighton v Bristol City; Crystal Palace v Colchester; Oxford v Wimbledon; Reading v Bristol Rovers; Southampton v Northampton; Swindon v Luton.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Warrington v Nantwich.

B and Q Scottish League

First division

Albion v Forfar
Alloa v Raith
Ayr v Airdrie
Clydebank v Hamilton
Meadowbank v Clyde
Partick v Falkirk
St Johnstone v Morton

Second division

Arbroath v Dumbarton
Cowdenbeath v Brechin
E Fife v Queen of Sth
E Stirling v Berwick
Montrose v Kilmarnock
Queen's Park v Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v Stirling

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Old Chigwellians; Old Cholmeleians v Old Malvernians; Old Reptonians v Old Carthusians. First division: Old Bradfieldians v Old Ardinians; Old Citizens v Old Wykehamists; Old Wellingburians v Old Harrovians; Old Westminsters v Old Haileyburians.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Salford v Leigh.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY SHIELD: First round: Rochdale Hornets v Workington Town; Swinton v Barrow (2.15); Thatto Heath v Warrington (at St Helens); Trafford Borough v Carlisle (2.15); Wigan v Whitehaven (at Leigh).

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Dewsbury v Featherstone Rovers (2.30); Sheffield Eagles v Leeds (2.15).

BNFL NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Dudley Hill v Millom; Egremont v Milford; Heworth v Mayfield; Lock Lane v Leigh MW; Pilkington Recs v West Hull; Woolston v Wigan St Patrick's.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Dynamo London v Bristol Polytechnic (1.0); Polonia v Poole Sports Centre (6.0); Malory v Reebok Liverpool City (6.0); Star Aquila v MGI Wessex (7.0); Staffordshire Moorlands v Hilton Leeds (7.0); Time Out Spark v Speedwell Rucanor (5.30). First division women: GP Scorpions v Sovereign Leasing Sale (5.45); NM Portsmouth v Hilton Leeds (7.0).

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division men: Airdrie v Falkirk; Bellshill Cardinals v Team Krystal Klear; Su Ragazzi v Elliott Sports Jets; Team Fife v Kinleith Plant; Team Novasport DV v East Kilbride. First division women: Adacreen Kyle v Whitburn Centre; Airdrie v Falkirk; Deloitte Hazelhead v Hydrasun Tullos; Glasgow Bannerman v Elliott Sports Jets; Grangeburn Coaches v Provincial Insurance.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Northern division

Cheshire v Northumberland (Wilmslow, 2.30)
Durham v Lancashire (W Hartlepool, 2.30)
Yorkshire v Cumbria (Otley, 2.30)

South West division

Berkshire v Gloucester (Reading, 2.30)
Buckinghamshire v Oxfordshire (Aylesbury)
Cornwall v Dorset and Wilts (Redruth)
Devon v Somerset (Exeter, 2.30)

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v Bath
Abertillery v Plymouth Albion
Bridgend v Ebbw Vale
Cross Keys v Penarth
Fylde v Bedford
Glamorgan W v Exeter
Gosforth v Broughton Park
Harlequins v Swansea (Twickenham, 2.45)
Leicester v Coventry
Liverpool St H v Cambridge Univ
Llanelli v Neath
London Irish v Bristol
London Scottish v Rugby
Maesteg v Pontypool
Morley v Headingley
Newport v Cardiff
Northampton v Nottingham
Orrell v Birkenhead Park
Pontypridd v Richmond
Rosslyn Park v London Welsh
Roundhay v Worksop
Sale v Moseley
Saracens v Newbridge
Stroud v Met Police
Vale of Lune v Otley
Wakefield v Harrogate
Walsall v Lydney
Wasps v Blackheath
Waterloo v Dublin Wanderers
Wrexham v Tredegar

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First division

Edinburgh Acads v Kelso
Gala v Melrose
Glasgow H/K v Ayr
Heriot's FP v W of Scotland
Jed-Forest v Stewart's Mel FP
Selkirk v Boroughmuir
Stirling County v Hawick

SECOND DIVISION: Corstorphine v Langholm; Currie v Preston Lodge FP; Glasgow Academicals v Dunfermline; Gordonians v Edinburgh Wanderers; Hillhead-Jordanhill v Dalziel HSFP; Kirkcaldy v Kilmarnock; Watsonians v Musselburgh. Third division: Aberdeen GSFP v Biggar; Clarkston v Portobello FP; Grangemouth v East Kilbride; Haddington v Trinity Academicals; Highland v Howe of Fife; Morgan Academy FP v Wigtownshire; Royal High v Dundee HSFP. Fourth division: Alloa v Linlithgow; Dumfries v Penicuik; Hutchesons v Cartha Queen's Park; Leith Academicals v Greenock Wanderers; Paisley v Perthshire; Peebles v Edinburgh University; St Boswells v Cambuslang. Fifth division: Aberdeenshire v Moray; Aberdeen University v Lenzie; Dunbar v Murrayfield; Glenrothes v Lismore; Hillfoots v Livingston; Madras College FP v Ardrossan Academicals; Waysiders v Broughton FP. Sixth division: Carnoustie HSFP v North Berwick; Cumbernauld v Marr; Drumpellier v Clydebank; Harris Academy FP v Stewartry; Panmure v Old Aloysians; St Andrew's University v Montrose; Walkerburn v Earlston. Seventh division: Cumnock v Stobswell FP; Dalkeith v Garnock; Falkirk v Birkmyre; Forrester FP v Garioch; Ross High v Lasswade; Rosyth and District v Irvine; Strathmore v Duns.

IRELAND: Ulster: Senior League: Section 1: CIYMS v Ballymena; Dungannon v NIFC; Malone v Instonians. Section 2: Ards v Collegians; City of Derry v Academy; Queen's University v Portadown. Leinster: Section A: Greystones v Old Wesley; Monkstown v St Mary's College; Terenure College v Lansdowne. Section B: Bective Rangers v DLSP; Skerries v Old Belvedere. Senior Club: Blackrock College v Garryowen; Dublin University v Clontarf; University College, Dublin v Young Munster.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Atherstone v Pinley; Bedford Athletic v Wasps Wanderers; Berry Hill v Bromsgrove; Biggleswade v Rushden and Higham; Birmingham and Solihull v Wigan; Birmingham City Officials v Yardley and District; Boots v Meden Vale; Boston v West Bridgford; Broad Street v Bedworth; Bugbrooke v Bedford Swifts; Burntwood v Rubery Owen; Camp Hill v Kings Norton; Cannock v Michelin; Coventrians v Coventry Saracens; Coventry Technical College v Burbage; Coventry Welsh v Dunlop; Davenport v Stoke on Trent; Daventry v Oakham; Dixonians v Newcastle; Dronfield v All Spartans; Dudley-Kingswinford v Stratford on Avon; GEC Coventry v Woodrush; GEC St Leonards v Old Oaks; Grimsby v Spalding; Hitchin v St Neots; Hope Valley v Ashbourne; Kenilworth v Leamington; Kynoch v Birchfield; Ledbury v Gloucester All Blues; Leighton Buzzard v Chingford; Letchworth v Kettering; Lichfield v Hereford; Linley v Rugeley; Loughborough v Wellingborough; Manor Park v Standard; Melbourne v Leesbrook Asterdale; Mellish v Nottingham Casuals; Metropolitan Police (No 3 Dist) v Long Buckby; Moderns v Thornensians; Newark v Peterborough; Newport v Willenhall; Northampton BBOB v Stewart and Lloyds; Northampton Heathens v Northampton MO; Northampton Trinity v Wellingborough OG; Nottinghamians v East Retford; Old Bosworthians v Old Ashbeians; Old Coventrians v Silhillians; Old Longtonians v Five Ways OE; Old Mannerians v Belper; Old Moseleians v Birmingham Welsh; Old Northamptonians v Wigston OB; Old Wheatleyans v Old Laurentians; Oswestry v Rhos; Oundle v Old Wellingburian; Paviors v Doncaster; Rainworth v Ollerton; Redditch v Coventry Saracens; Rotherham v Mansfield; Rugby Welsh v Market Bosworth; Scunthorpe v Sleaford; Shottery v Keresley; Southam v Harbury; South Leicester v Old Leamingtonians; Southwell v Lutterworth; Stamford v Lincoln; Stockwood Park v Newbold; Stourbridge v Clifton; Stow v Pershore; Tamworth v Stafford; Telford v Evesham; Towcestrians v Nuneaton OE; Vipers v Burton; Walsall v Lydney; Warwick v Earlsdon; Wednesbury v Wulfrun; West Leicester v Leicester Swifts; Weston-super-Mare v Wolverhampton.

NORTH: Club matches: Acklam v Ilkley; Aspatria v New Brighton; Bradford and Bingley v Nuneaton; Bramley v Driffield; Bridlington v Beverley; Calder Vale v Eagle; Castleford v Roundhegians; Chester v Warrington; Cleckheaton v Bradford Salem; Clitheroe v Chorley; Colne and Nelson v Carnforth; Congleton v Blackpool; Davenport v Stoke; Didsbury Toc H v Eccles; Gateshead Fell v Sandal; Glossop v Heaton Moor; Goole v Old Brodleians; Gosforth v Broughton Park; Hemsworth v Sheffield Tigers; Hessle v Pocklington; Huddersfield YMCA v Otley Saracens; Kersal v Southport; Knottingley v Wheatley Hills; Leigh v Caldy; Leodiensians v North Ribblesdale; Liverpool Collegiate v Sefton; Lymm v Aspull; Manchester v Huddersfield; Manchester YMCA v Bowdon; Marist v Hull Ionians XV; Metrovick v Rossendale; Middlesbrough v Sheffield; Moortown v Rochdale; Newark v Old Hymerians; New Brighton XV v South Liverpool; Nottingham Moderns v Thornensians; Old Aldwinians v Mid-Cheshire College; Oldham v Macclesfield; Old Parkonians v Hightown; Otley v Vale of Lune; Paviors v Doncaster; Pontefract v Keighley; Preston Grasshoppers v Hull Ionians; Redcar v North Durham; Ripon v Novocastrians; Rodillians v Malton and Norton; Rotherham v Mansfield; Roundhay Trojans v Worksop; Scarborough v Horden; Scunthorpe v Sleaford; Sedgley Park v West Park Solihull v Wigan; West Park XV v Crewe and Nantwich; West Park Bramhope v Selby; Wetherby v Old Modernians; Wharfedale v Old Crossleyans; Winnington Park v Halifax; Wirral v Wallasey; York v Barnsley. Yorkshire Silver Trophy: First round: Adwick v Whitby; Airebronians v Dinnington; Halifax Vandals v Armthorpe Markham; Hullensians v Leeds Corinthians; Leeds YMCA v Guisborough; Northallerton v Heath; Ossett v Baildon; Phoenix Park v Sheffield Oaks; Skipton v Old Rishworthians; Wensleydale v Yorkshire CW; Wibsey v West Leeds; Yarnbury v Yorkshire Main; York St Johns v Withernsea. Derbyshire Cup: First round: Chesterfield v Dronfield.

WEST: Club matches: Aretians v Bristol Harlequins; Ashley Down v Whitehall; Avonmouth v North Bristol; Bishopston v Barton Hill; Bodmin St Lawrence v RAF St Mawgan; Bristol United v London Irish Wild Geese; Bristol Saracens v Wiveliscombe; Broad Plain v St Brendans Old Boys; Bude v Tavistock; Cheddar v Crewkerne; Chippenham v Gordano; Chipping Sodbury v Yatton; Devon and Cornwall Police v Hayle; Hornets v Old Culverhaysians; Ilogan Park v Bodmin; Imperial v Frampton Cotterell; Keynsham v Clifton Wanderers; Longlevens v Cleve; Newent v BAC; Okehampton v Falmouth; Old Ashtonians v Blagdon; Old Bristolians v Bath OE; Old Colthamians v Morganians; Oldfield Old Boys v Weymouth; Old Sulians v Clevedon; Old Technicians v Liskeard-Looe; Paignton v Avon and Somerset Police; Penzance-Newlyn v Barnstaple; Redruth GSOB v Perranporth; St Austell v St Agnes; St Bernadette's Old Boys v Old Redcliffians; St Day v Roseland; St Ives v Launceston; St Mary's Old Boys v Dings Crusaders; Taunton United v Old Colstonians; Torquay Athletic v South Wales Police; Totnes v Yeovil; Weston-super-Mare v Wolverhampton; Wells v Sherborne; Wellington v Tiverton; Wincombe v Chard.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men (8.0): Bury v Plymouth; Cheshire v Crystal Palace (7.30); Corby v Brixton (7.30); Stevenage v Hemel Hempstead; Worthing v Birmingham. First division women: Leicester v Kingston (4.0); London Central v Northampton (6.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Raiders v Cardiff Devils (5.0); Fife Flyers v Solihull Barons (7.15); Nottingham Panthers v Peterborough Pirates (6.30). First division: Humberside Seahawks v Streatham Redskins (5.15); Slough Jets v Deeside Dragons (5.45); Swindon Wildcats v Medway Bears (5.0); Telford Tigers v Lee Valley Lions (7.0).

HOCKEY

LADA CLASSIC (Luton): Women: England v Soviet Union (12.30). Men: England v Netherlands (2.30); Argentina v Australia (4.30).

WOMEN: TYPHOO NATIONAL LEAGUE: Exmouth v Ealing (Ottery St Mary, 11.15); Hightown v Chelmsford (Mather Avenue, Liverpool, 12.30); Orpington v Great Harwood (Avebury Road, Orpington); Slough v Clifton (Bisham Abbey, 2.30).

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwall v Leominster; Firebrands v East Gloucestershire; Redland v Bournemouth and Parkstone; Swindon v Wimborne; Weston v Exeter.

MEN: PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Cheam v Mid-Surrey; Old Kingstonians v Hampstead; Purley v Wimbledon; Spencer v Blackheath; Surbiton v Maidenhead; Weybridge Hawks v Tulse Hill.

LLOYDS BANK KENT LEAGUE: First division: Anchorians v Maidstone; Blackheath v Reed (Cobdown); Gore Court v Burnt Ash; Gravesend v Belvedere; Herne Bay v Sevenoaks II.

CLUB MATCHES: Chelmsford v Bishop's Stortford; Harleston Magpies v Cambridge Nomads; Old Tauntonians v Fareham; Pelicans v Wisbech; Arrington v Michelin; Barton v Mansfield; Beeston v Sheffield; Burton v Leicester; Buxton v Belper; Cannock II v Streetly; Coalville v Ramgharia; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Barford Tigers; Edgbaston v Bloxwich; Finchfield v Bridgnorth; GEC Rugby v Old Wulfrunians; Hathersage v Boots; Kettering v Horton House; Leicester Westleigh v Belper; Lichfield v Aldridge; North Nottinghamshire v Grantham; North Stafford v Leek; Nuneaton v John Player; Rugby v Walsall; Rugeley v Robirch; St Neots v Spalding; Stone v Wolverhampton; Stourport v Olton and West Warwickshire; Swansea v Cannock; Wednesbury v Tamworth; Warwick v Kings Heath; West Bridgford v South Nottingham.

LACROSSE

BRINE SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Conference A: Hampstead v Croydon; Bath v Buckhurst Hill; Southampton v Brighton. Conference B: Purley v Kenton; Hitchin v Hillcroft.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (Wembley); Chatsworth horse trials.

GOLF: Scottish championships (Monkton Hall).

JUDO: Welsh senior open championships (National Sports Centre, Cardiff).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Bradford v Cradley Heath; King's Lynn v Oxford; Swindon v Coventry. National League: Stoke v Poole. Autumn Triangle: Second leg: Arena Essex v Hackney v Rye House.

TABLE TENNIS: Home internationals (Dundee).

WATER SKIING: Seaton classic (Thorpe, Staines).

SPORT ON TV

Today

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-10am: National Football League: Houston Oilers v Miami Dolphins. Screensport 6-7.55pm: College match: Notre Dame v Purdue.

ATHLETICS: Screensport 11.30am-midday: Mercedes Fifth Avenue mile: Highlights from Manhattan.

BASEBALL: Eurosport 3-4pm. Screensport 3.30-6pm: Major League: Baltimore Orioles v Toronto Blue Jays play-off.

CYCLING: Eurosport 7-8pm: Paris to Tours.

EQUESTRIANISM: BBC1 11.25pm-12.35am: Horse of the Year Show: Everest Grand Prix from Wembley.

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 10-11am: World Cup qualifying: South America, group three: Highlights of Venezuela v Brazil. Screensport 12-1.45pm: Argentinian football. Screensport 7.55-10pm: Barcelona v Real Madrid: Live coverage.

GOLF: Eurosport 11am-1pm: Ryder Cup: Coverage of the final day from The Belfry. Eurosport 8-10pm: German masters: Highlights from Stuttgart. Screensport 11-11.30pm: Inside the PGA.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5pm: Football: Preview of next week's World Cup matches. Motor Sport: Tooheys 1,000 from Bathurst, Australia; Review of the British open rally championship. Hockey: Lada classic: Live second-half coverage of England women v United States and England men v Netherlands. Racing: 2.0, 2.35 and 3.10 races from Chepstow. 4.0 Carter Million from Phoenix Park. Basketball: Carlsberg tournament of champions final from Leicester. Results: 4.45pm.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 10-11pm: Powersport International.

RACING: C4 9-9.25am: The weekend preview and review of the week. C4 2.15-5.05pm: 2.30, 3.0, 3.35, 4.10 and 4.40 races from Newmarket. 2.40, 3.10, 4.20 and 4.50 races from Longchamp. 4.0 (Cartier Million) race from Phoenix Park.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 10-11.30am: Greenalls Lancashire Cup: Second round: Fulham v Wigan. Screensport 2-3.30pm: British Coal tour match: St Helens v New Zealand. Eurosport 4-5pm: Australian Grand final: Canberra v Balmain.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.10-1.40pm. Results service: 4.45pm.

SATURDAY SPORT: TV-am 6-7.30pm.

SPORT FROM SPAIN: Screensport 1.45-2pm.

TENNIS: Eurosport 1-3pm and 10pm-midnight: Men's Indoor Grand Prix from Basle. Screensport 11.30pm-1am: Volvo international: Finals from San Francisco.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: C4 8-9am. Eurosport 6-7pm: Sport from around the world.

UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Eurosport 5-6pm and 12-1am (tomorrow): World championships from Athens.

Tomorrow

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: ITV 3-4am: College match: Texas v TCU. Screensport 8-10am and 8.30-10.30pm: College match. Screensport 10am-midday and NFL highlights 4-5pm: National Football League: Houston Oilers v Miami Dolphins. C4 5.30-6.30pm and 11pm-12.30am: National Football League: Latest news and at 11pm, the featured match.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: C4 10-11am: Victorian Football League: Grand final: Highlights of Hawthorn v Geelong from Melbourne.

BASEBALL: Screensport 6-8.30pm: Major League: Baltimore Orioles v Toronto Blue Jays play-off.

BOXING: Screensport 1-3am: Professional event from Basildon.

CYCLING: Eurosport 10-11am: Paris to Tours. Eurosport 7-8pm: Nissan classic: Highlights from Ireland. Screensport 10.30-11.30pm: Sundance Grand Prix.

EQUESTRIANISM: BBC1 4.35-5.20pm: Horse of the Year Show: Highlights of the week's competition.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 3-4.45am: Argentinian football. Screensport 4.45-6.30am and 12-1.45pm: Top team Spain. Eurosport 7pm: World Cup: Sweden v Albania. 12-1am (Monday): Soviet League: Highlights. ITV 1.05-1.35am (Monday): Best and Marsh: George Best and Rodney Marsh explain Liverpool's domination of English and European football in the seventies.

GOLF: Eurosport 11am-1pm and 8-10pm: German masters: Highlights from Stuttgart. 5pm: Nissan Classic from Dublin. ITV 11.35pm-12.05am: World of golf: The value of golfing holidays in the Algarve, tuition class and an examination of golf schools.

HOCKEY: BBC2 2.40-4.15pm: Lada classic: England v Australia from Luton.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 5-6pm: Formula 3000 from Spa Francorchamps. Eurosport 6-7pm: Tooheys 1,000 from Bathurst, Australia.

RACING: C4 3-5.25pm: 3.10, 3.45, 4.30 (Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe) and 5.10 races from Longchamp. Screensport 3.15-4pm: Velka Pardubicka: Live coverage from Czechoslovakia.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 6.30-8am: Stones Bitter Championship: Highlights of Barrow v Wigan. Screensport 1.45-3.15pm: Greenalls Lancashire Cup: Second round: Fulham v Wigan. Screensport 11.30pm-1am: Vaucluse v Queensland.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 5.05-6.05pm: Highlights of France v British Isles and Durham v Lancashire.

TENNIS: Eurosport 1-4pm and 10pm-midnight: Men's Indoor Grand Prix from Basle.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 4-5pm: Sport from around the world.

UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Eurosport 5-6pm: World championships from Athens.

TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: West Hartlepool v Kendal.

MARSH PEARCE MURPHY LEICESTERSHIRE CUP: First round: Anstey v Aylestonians; Aylestone Athletic v West Leicester; Hinckley v Lutterworth; Leicester University v Loughborough Students; Market Bosworth v New Parks; Oadby Wyggestonians v Stoneygate; Oakham v Coalville; Old Ashbeians v Burbage; Old Bosworthians v Birstall; Old Newtonians v Belgrave; South Leicester v Braunston Town; Syston v Aylestone St James; Vipers v Shepshed; Westleigh v Melton Mowbray; Wigston v Kibworth.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX CUP: First round: Hampstead v Antlers; Hammersmith and Fulham v Quintin; Hayes v Ealing College of HE; Meadhurst v Barclays Bank; Old Pauline v Orleans FP.

NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: First round: Aston University v Erdington; Birmingham Civil Service v Old Halesonians; Birmingham University v Ludlow; Birmingham Welsh v Vaseyans; Bournville v Whitchurch; Bridgnorth v Selly Oak; Droitwich v Thimblemill; Evesham v Shrewsbury; Kidderminster Carolians v Malvern; Ledbury v Kynoch; Market Drayton v Aston OE; Old Centrals v Old Griffinians; Pershore v Tenbury; Upton on Severn v Bromyard; West Midlands Police v Yardley and District; Woodrush v Warley.

SURREY CUP: First round: Battersea Ironsides v Wimbledon; Camberley v Esher; Cobham v Old Emanuel; Dorking v Copse Hill; Entertainers v Old Wimbledonians; Farnham v Old Ruttishians; Guildford and Godalming v Old Caterhamians; KCS Old Boys v Old Haileyburians; Kew Occasionals v Shirley Wanderers; Kingston v King's College Hospital; Kingston Polytechnic v Gibraltar Engineers; Lightwater v Effingham; Merton v Wandsworthians; Mitcham v Guy's Hospital; Old Blues v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Old Cranleighans v Bec Old Boys; Old Freemans v Old Bevonians; Old Reedonians v Old Guildfordians; Old Reigatians v Old Walcountians; Old Suttonians v Harrodians; Old Whitgiftians v Old Tiffinians; Oxted v Richmond-on-Thames Police; Purley v Shene Old Grammarians; Raynes Park v Cobham; Royal Holloway and Bedford New College v Old Epsomians; South Bank Polytechnic v Old Johnians; Surrey University v Cranleigh; Sutton and Epsom v Chipstead; University Vandals v Chindits; Warlingham v John Fisher Old Boys.

MITCHELL AND BUTLERS WARWICKSHIRE CUP: First round: Barker's Butts v Coventrians; Bedworth v Claverdon; Berkswell and Balsall Common v Harbury; Coventry Technical College v Nuneaton OE; Ford v Earlsdon; Lanchester v Broad Street; Leamington v Manor Park; Old Leamingtonians v Southam; Shipston on Stour v Coventry Saracens; Spartans v Old Laurentians; Sutton Coldfield v Old Wheatleyans; Warwickshire Constabulary v Stoke Old Boys.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham Wasps v Fife Flyers (6.30); Murrayfield Racers v Cardiff Devils (6.30); Whitley Warriors v Peterborough Pirates (6.30). First division: Cleveland Bombers v Streatham Redskins (5.15); Lee Valley Lions v Humberside Seahawks (5.30); Medway Bears v Deeside Dragons (5.15); Trafford Metros v Telford Tigers (5.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: MGI Wessex v Speedwell Rucanor (2.0). First division women: Dynamo London v Brixton Knights (1.0); GP Scorpions v Hilton Leeds (11.0); MGI Wessex v Britannia (11.0); NM Portsmouth v Sovereign Leasing Sale (2.0); Southgate v Ashcombe (11.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: London v Manchester (4.0); Sunderland v Bracknell (6.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Gateshead v Oldham (4.0). First division women: Cardiff v Brixton (2.0); Gateshead v Sheffield (2.0); Ipswich v Stockport (4.0); Nottingham v Crystal Palace (3.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH COAL TOUR MATCH: Wigan v New Zealand.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford Northern v Barrow (3.30); Featherstone v Leeds (3.30); Sheffield Eagles v Widnes (Bramall Lane, 3.15); Wakefield v St Helens (3.30); Warrington v Hull. Second division: Batley v Swinton (3.15); Bramley v Chorley (3.30); Carlisle v Workington (2.30); Halifax v Doncaster; Huddersfield v Trafford Borough; Hull KR v Nottingham City; Hunslet v Dewsbury (3.30); Runcorn v Oldham; Ryedale York v Keighley (3.15); Whitehaven v Fulham (3.30).

HOCKEY

LADA CLASSIC (Luton): Men: Argentina v Netherlands (12.30); England v Australia (2.45). Women: England v Soviet Union (4.45).

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Chatsworth horse trials.

GOLF: Scottish championships (Monkton Hall).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Berwick v Stoke; Mildenhall v Edinburgh; Newcastle v Poole. Challenge: Eastbourne v Peterborough. Inter-League challenge: Rye House v Belle Vue.

WATER SKIING: Seaton classic (Thorpe, Staines).

SQUASH RACKETS

Dittmar joins elite band as Jahangir loses in semi-final

From Colin McQuillan, Kuala Lumpur

Chris Dittmar, the world No. 3, from Australia, yesterday defeated Jahangir Khan, the defending champion, 15-9, 12-15, 15-9, 9-15, 15-13, in 109 minutes to reach today's final of the Singer world championship, where he will meet Jansher Khan, who defeated Chris Robertson comprehensively in the other semi-final.

Dittmar thus becomes only the second man to record victories over both the outstanding Pakistanis. He defeated Jansher in last season's Canadian open championship, although he has lost to him twice in recent weeks, in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Rodney Martin, another Australian, who lost here in the second round, was the first man to defeat both Khans.

The demand upon Dittmar today is enormous. He raised his game to unprecedented heights to contain two devastating surges from Jahangir in the second and fourth games, and drew on unrevealed resources to contest a 30-minute deciding game he effectively won with an outrageous backhand, overhead, cut return to the left nick at 13-13.

"It was not the shot I would normally play in that situation," Dittmar said. "I can hit it and I had done so several times in the match, but maybe it needs a rush of blood to the head to go for that at 13-13 in the fifth game of a world semi-final against Jahangir Khan.

"But I am not taking it back. It is that sort of shot that wins these great matches. The last winner was easy. I have had a career of coming second to the best people. I was thinking about that during the semi-final and refusing to allow it to happen again.

"I got my tactics a bit mixed up a couple of times and let Jahangir in to cut me up in the front, especially on the cross-court drives. But I knew at the start of the fourth game he was in trouble and he came back on court late and then took two minutes more re-tieing his shoelaces. I made sure I was back on court before him every game; I wanted him to know I was confident and waiting to hurt him.

"I am not going to relax on this. I know there is more to go and I am ready for it."

RESULTS: Semi-finals: C Dittmar (Aus) bt Jahangir Khan (Pak), 15-9, 12-15, 15-9, 9-15, 15-13; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Robertson (Aus), 15-3, 15-12, 15-6.

TENNIS

McEnroe dips on the roller-coaster

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Stuttgart

Across the road from the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle, home of the Stuttgart Classics, there is a mighty roller-coaster, part of the traditional fair. The sweeps and curves of the track seem an appropriate symbol of the career of John McEnroe.

The one problem is to know exactly how far along the ride he is at the moment. McEnroe is out of the Classics, beaten in straight sets by Ivan Lendl in the last group two match on Thursday, but this was not an *unexpected result, given* the relative match fitness of the two men. Certainly, it is a very minor dip compared to the deep trough from which McEnroe has only just emerged after his extraordinary defeat by Paul Haarhuis, a little-known Dutch qualifier, in the second round of the US Open.

McEnroe never takes defeat well, but that one, coming towards the end of a year which had gone smoothly and which had seen him climb steadily back among the top four players in the world, reduced him to as near emotional incoherence as anyone could remember. The memory has lingered, which is one of the reasons why he has embarked on a hectic European schedule over the next six weeks.

"I took a long time to recover mentally from the Open," McEnroe said. "Sure it was nice to win the doubles, but when I sat back afterwards, it was difficult to get motivated again. The more I sat around thinking about it, the less inclined I was to get going again. So it was important to come here and play; at least I'm back competing again and perhaps it will be good to get beat up a little bit because that will make me more determined".

There seems no doubting McEnroe's determination to go "up another level", as he puts it. When asked about his targets for next year, he replied simply and unequivocally: "Renewed commitment, better discipline, harder work".

For an example of all those qualities, he need look no further than Lendl. While McEnroe has played little *competitive tennis since the* Open, Lendl has ground on, playing tournaments in Spain and Bordeaux, where, incidentally, he won a thousand cases of wine and, not content with that, bought himself a vineyard.

McEnroe heads off to France himself next week, to Toulouse. He then takes in tournaments in Antwerp and Paris before coming to London early in November for the Silk Cut championships where Michael *Chang, Brad Gilbert and* Miloslav Mecir will be waiting for him. "I hope to be playing well by then," he said.

McEnroe has been fraternizing this week with the members of the rock band, Jethro Tull, who are on their own European tour. Like the band, McEnroe has been on the road a long time now. Like them, he has always played with an unmistakable style. Like them, he has so far survived the roller-coaster-ride.

Germans fail and Graf flees

From Barry Wood
Tokyo

United States, the top seeds, defeated Austria 3-0 to earn a place in the semi-finals of the NEC Federation Cup yesterday. West Germanay were beaten 2-1 by *the holders, Czechoslovakia.*

The demise of the Germans was not unexpected, because the Czechs were seeded three and *the Germans five, but it was* odd, nevertheless, to see Steffi Graf fail to advance beyond the quarter-finals. Never one to waste time, within minutes of coming off court, she was whisked off to the airport and on her way home.

The pressure to allow Germany to succeed lay upon the drooping shoulders of Claudia *Kohde-Kilsch. However, she* failed miserably against Jana Novotna, losing 6-3, 6-3, and although Graf despatched Sukova 6-2, 6-1, the writing was on the wall in the doubles when Graf immediately lost her serve to give the Czechs a 2-0 lead.

The Americans found little opposition. Chris Evert overwhelmed Judith Weisner 6-1, *6-0, Martina Navratilova beat* Barbara Paulus 6-4, 6-1 and then Navratilova and Pam Shriver teamed up for the first time since Wimbledon to win the doubles 6-1, 6-2.

QUARTER-FINALS: Czechoslovakia bt West Germany 2-1 (Czechoslovak names first): J Novotna bt C Kohde-Kilsch, 6-3, 6-3; H Sukova lost to S Graf, 2-6, 1-6; Novotna and Sukova bt Graf and Kohde-Kilsch, 6-2, 6-2. United States bt Austria 3-0: C Evert bt J Wiesner, 6-1, 6-0; M Navratilova bt B Paulus, 6-4, 6-1; Navratilova and P Shriver bt Wiesner and Paulus, 6-1, 6-2.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

A determined John Williams powers through on Sonilla to beat Young Tearaway (Michael Roberts) at Newmarket yesterday

Williams finds key to Sonilla

Sonilla, backed from 9-1 to 11-2, landed the gamble in the Snowdens Marquees Fillies Handicap at Newmarket yesterday with a neck victory over Young Tearaway.

Two-thirds of Richard Holder's string *have succumbed to* the cough, but Sonilla has managed to avoid it, and was winning for the fourth time this *season for her Aberdeen owner,* John Law.

"John Williams has found the key to riding Sonilla — bought for 2,000 guineas at Ascot's Breeze-up Sale. He drops her out and then produces her, as he did today, about a furlong out and she shows a turn of foot. The ground does not worry her all that much but the rain was probably to her benefit," said the Bristol trainer.

Holder's raids on Headquarters have been very successful in the last few years. "I reckon I must have had seven winners here" he said.

Golden Flats, who has won six races since she was certified in foal about six weeks ago, was 4-1 favourite. She did not finish *too far off* the leaders in sixth place, but never really threatened to win.

Walter Swinburn, who was nearly out of the saddle when Marcroft swerved violently right in the early stages of Sonilla's race, had a much more comfortable ride on 11-10 favourite Sabotage to land the Main Reef Stakes and so gain his 85th win of the season.

Sabotage, who won the Wood Ditton Stakes on the course back in April, led all the way, easily shrugging off the attentions of Charmer, who nevertheless stuck to his task and finished within three-quarters of a length of Sheikh Mohammed's colt.

Michael Stoute said of the winner: "He is a big fellow and will be kept in training next year. It's always difficult at this time of year to say whether or not the horse will run again this season."

Silent Girl, a half-sister to last year's July Stakes winner Always Valiant, spreadeagled a field of 23 in the Boscawen Selling Stakes.

Leading apprentice Frankie Dettori shot Silent Girl into the lead on the stands side three furlongs out. His mount drew steadily clear and crossed the line with seven lengths to spare over Millfields Lady, with Miss Adventure filling the other minor position.

Dettori has now ridden 55 winners this season, a good number of those successes having been for Neville Callaghan, who trains Silent Girl.

It was pouring with rain during the race and at the subsequent auction Callaghan was delighted at being able to retain Silent Girl for 5,500 guineas. "I expected to have to go to a much bigger sum," he said with a broad grin.

Elsworth's duo backed

The Tote reports heavy support for two of Whitsbury trainer David Elsworth's horses as his injury-stricken stable starts to find its form.

In The Groove has been backed for next year's 1,000 Guineas, the Tote cutting her price from 16-1 to 8-1 favourite after a bet of £16,000 to £1,000.

***Elsworth's chaser, Barnbrook Again,* has also been the subject of a £1,000 bet for the 1990 Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, and his price is now 10-1 from 20-1.**

A mystery punter set the ring alight at Hexham yesterday with a string of big bets on four odds-on favourites. All four were beaten — at odds of 4-5, 2-5, and two at 1-4

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Newmarket

Going: first three, good to firm; then good

1.30 (1m) 1, SILENT GIRL (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Millfields Lady (W Ryan, 16-1); 3, Miss Adventure (R Hills, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Bodge (5th), 5 Poppy Charm, 12 Margs Girl (6th), 14 Savo, 16 My-Ugly-Duckling, Richmond Park, 20 Montykooky, *Pipers Hill (4th),* Cherry Crown, 25 Coolagown, Going Going Gone, Passed Pawn, Sockem, Dear Old Girl, Highland Bidder, Princess Divine, 33 Air Call, Winslow Lad, Musical Note, *Totem Major. 23 ran. NR: All Night Dell.* 7l, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, 2l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £6.00; £1.90, £5.10, £2.90. DF: £46.90. CSF: £70.79. 1min 39.61sec. Bought in for 5,500gn.

2.05 (5f) 1, SONILLA (J Williams, 11-2); 2, Young Tearaway (M Roberts, 8-1); 3, Miss Berry (J Lowe, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Golden Flats (6th), 8 Tendency, 10 Monique, Dulcha, 11 The Kings Daughter, 14 Sarras-Ree, 16 African Dash, 20 Marcroft, 33 Lust of Love (5th), Echo Chamber (4th). 13 ran. NR: Where's The Money. Nk, 1½l, 1¼l, hd, 1½l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £8.50; £3.00, £2.30, £2.50. DF: £24.80. CSF: £45.56. Tricast: £248.87. Time: 1min 13.81sec.

2.35 (1m) 1, SABOTAGE (W Swinburn, 11-10 fav); 2, Charmer (M Roberts, 7-2); 3, Hello Valgly (W Carson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Double Encore (4th), 33 Balassani (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, 1l, nk, 10l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.85. 1min 43.13sec. Secret Favor withdrawn — rule 4 applies to bets at board prices before withdrawal, not to SP bets, deduction 5p in pound.

3.10 (7f) 1, FREE AT LAST (A Clark, 6-1); 2, *Daf Dazzig (W Swinburn,* 9-4); 3, Curls Regis (W Carson, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Message Pad, 6 Abs (5th), 25 Bankroll (5th), 66 Res Ipsa Loquitur (4th). 7 ran. NR: Va Toujours. Nk, 2½l, 2l, ¾l, sh hd. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £6.30; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £12.00. CSF: £18.74. 1min 28.80sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, GREEN'S LEADER (M Hills, 8-1); 2, Facility Letter (L Dettori, 20-1); 3, Premiere Moon (M Rimmer, 10-1); 4, Platonique (Dean McKeown, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Toss of The Coin, 12 Satin Dancer, Scorpio Lady (6th), Weareagrandmother, Orleans Girl, 14 Eire Leath-Scoil, Gabbladini (5th), J R Jones, Karished, 20 Appliancesofscience, Fossa Gill, Megan Blaze, 25 Mogul Prince, 33 Donna Lorenza, 50 First Home, Gordano. 20 ran. 2½l, 2½l, nk, sh hd, ¾l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £11.40; £2.50, £4.30, £3.00, £1.80. DF: £215.80. CSF: £160.44. Tricast: £1,519.08. 1min 28.19sec.

4.10 (7f) 1, NED'S AURA (A Munro, 11-2); 2, Aradu (W Carson, 5-1); 3, African Spirit (J Lowe, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Superoo, 11-2 Parliament Piece (4th), 8 Top Dream, 12 A Little Precious, 16 Coincidental, 20 Lomax, Verdant Boy (6th), 25 Indian Maestro (5th). 11 ran. Nk, 6l, 2l, 3l, 3l. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £5.70; £1.50, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £12.50. CSF: £31.64. Tricast: £471.96. 1min 25.85sec.

Jackpot: £27,874.50.

Placepot: £223.80.

Goodwood

Going: good

2.15 (1m 2f) 1, WINDSOR PARK (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Bulldmark (R Fox, 40-1); 3, Victoria Mill (S O'Gorman, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-11 fav Nadlad (4th), 17-2 Volcanoes Spark, 20 Booby Prize, *Long Tall* Sally (5th), 33 True Annie (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, 2l, 2l, 1½l, 2l. W Hastings-Bass at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £1.30, £8.30, £3.30. DF: £106.80. CSF: £134.08. 2min 14.50sec.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, MONASTERY (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Ile De Nisky (Pat Eddery, 2-5 fav); 3, Mukbubb (G Duffield, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Sugar Plum Fairy (5th), 33 White-Wash (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 10l, 1l, ½l. Mrs L Piggott at Newmarket. Tote: £5.60; £2.30, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £7.48. 2min 11.41sec.

3.15 (5f) 1, SKI CAPTAIN (W Newnes, 5-1); 2, Meason Keep (E Guest, 12-1); 3, Kabcast (T Quinn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Hong Kong Girl, 5 Loft Boy (4th), 7 Cartier Bijoux (6th), 12 Princess Caarleon, Red River Boy (5th), 14 Grand Prix. 9 ran. NR: Pussy Foot. ¾l, ½l, 2½l, hd, ¾k. P Howling at Guildford. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £5.20, £1.50. DF: £53.60. CSF: £58.81. Tricast: £392.55. 1min 00.59sec.

3.50 (7f) 1, KERITA (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 2, Mirror Black (T Quinn, 9-1); 3, Markofdistinction (R Cochrane, 1-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Russian Royal (4th), 16 Steepy Mountain (5th), 20 Electric Lady, 25 Sharp N' Early (6th), 40 Stone Flake. 8 ran. Hd, 1½l, 1l, 1½l, ½l. R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury. Tote: £4.70; £1.30, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £13.80. CSF: £58.90. 1min 30.24sec.

4.20 (1m 4f) 1, NORTHANTS (B Crossley, 8-1); 2, My Chiara (M Marshall, 9-2); 3, Samarzana (G Carter, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Carmagnole (5th), Silver Owl (4th), 6 Familiar Spirit, 12 Nearroe, 14 Daddy's Darling (6th), 20 Fame And Glory, 25 Nicolaki, 50 Gibbot. 11 ran. 1l, 2l, 2l, 20l, nk. Mrs L Piggott at Newmarket. Tote: £6.00; £1.60, £2.00, £3.10. DF: £26.80. CSF: £41.36. Tricast: £213.42. 2min 41.15sec.

4.55 (1m) 1, NOBLE PATRIARCH (B Rouse, 8-1); 2, Royal Passion (R Fox, 7-1); 3, Hermitage Rock (G Duffield, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Aromatic, 100-30 Rinja (6th), 5 Tamahan, 12 Rail D'Or, 25 *Arabian Silence (4th). Malmesbury,* Closed Shop (5th). 10 ran. 2½l, 1¼l, 1l, 1l, ½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £12.60; £2.40, £1.70, £3.30. DF: £25.40. CSF: £82.77. Tricast: £709.06. 1min 44.81sec.

5.25 (6f) 1, RA'A (G Duffield, 9-2); 2, Kiveton Komet (R Cochrane, 6-4 fav); 3, Slick Cherry (3-1). 15 ran. 2l, 2l, H Thomson Jons. Tote: £7.20; £2.30, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £15.80. CSF: £12.49.

Placepot: £109.60.

Hexham

Going: hard

1.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Royal Mile (C Grant, 2-1); 2, Battle Sting (4-5 fav); 3, Clippers Dream (4-1). 3 ran. 12l, 8l. W Stephenson. Tote: £2.80. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.77.

2.15 (2m chl) 1, Mr Pamache (T Reed, 4-1); 2, Knight of Peace (20-1); 3, Comedy Fun (20-1). Ben Leda 1-4 fav. 4 ran. Dist, dist. J Hubbuck. Tote: £4.20. DF: £4.60. CSF: £32.61.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Out On A Flyer (R Supple, 2-1); 2, Milleone (2-5 fav); 3, Knowetop (14-1). 3 ran. ½l, dist. J O'Neill. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £3.19.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Shasbella (M Hammond, 4-1); 2, Stepfaster (16-1); 3, Slippery Max (1-4 fav). 6 ran. 1½l, 4l. G Moore. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.20. DF: £8.20. CSF: £45.61.

3.45 (3m hdle) 1, Kates Fling (P Niven, 5-2); 2, Solar Time (9-4); 3, New Kingsgrove (15-8 fav). 6 ran. Sh hd, 4l. R Fisher. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £2.60. DF: £5.30. CSF: £7.91.

4.15 (2m flat) 1, Abbs Guya (R Supple, 8-15 fav); 2, Flashy Dancer (3-1); 3, No Interference (10-1). 5 ran. NR: Fossway Merchant. 2½l, 2l. Ronald Thompson. Tote: £1.30; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £2.98.

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IN BRIEF

Johnson in favour of drugs Bill

Washington (Reuter) — Ben Johnson joined Carl Lewis to give backing to proposed changes in American law that would increase penalties for use of anabolic steroids, though the Canadian sprinter said that sanctions would not have deterred him from taking the body-building drugs which led to his disqualification from last year's Olympics.

Congressman Mel Levine is introducing a Bill to put steroid abuse in the same category as cocaine and other illicit drugs, with penalties of up to 20 years' imprisonment.

Watson's date

Michael Watson's middleweight world title bout with Mike McCallum will now take place at London's Alexandra Palace on November 29.

Umpire returns

Khizar Hayat, who stood in the Faisalabad Test of 1987-88 *when a day's play was lost owing* to a dispute between Mike Gatting, the England captain, and Shakoor Rana, the other umpire, will stand in two of England's Nehru Cup matches in India, against Australia on October 19 and India on October 25.

Haynes' cup call

Bridgetown (Reuter) — Robert Haynes, the Jamaican batsman and wrist-spinner, aged 24, is the only newcomer in West Indies squad of 14 for the Sharjah and Nehru Cup tournaments.

SQUAD: I V A Richards (captain), D L Haynes, R B Richardson, A L Logie, P J L Dujon, K L T Arthurton, M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, I R Bishop, W K M Benjamin, C Best, P V Simmons, R Haynes.

Kelly eyes title

Paris (Reuter) — Sean Kelly, of Ireland, could secure the inaugural World Cup cycling title by winning the penultimate race of the series, the 175-mile Paris-Tours classic today.

Pitt the centre

Darryl Pitt, the rugby league centre from Brisbane who arrived in England on Thursday, has signed for Fulham, the second division leaders.

War on the floor

Arenaball, an aggressive indoor version of American football, will be staged in this country for the first time next month when the Chicago Bruisers meet Detroit Drive in a demonstration of the eight-a-side "war on the floor" at the London Arena on November 18.

Highest bid to win TV prize

By John Goodbody

Britain's sports bodies yesterday reacted with satisfaction to the *Government's decision to allow* major sports events, including England Test matches, Wimbledon, the FA Cup final and the Derby, to be screened by the company offering the most money.

The move boosts the bargaining powers of British sport with the networks, because it will give them an option that they have not previously enjoyed. Over the last five years, the BBC and ITV have had the rights to acquire 10 "listed events" on equal terms and frequently both channels have screened them *live.*

Bernie Coleman, the chairman of the television negotiating committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), said yesterday that the Government's decision was a "total changeover in policy.

"We have been campaigning for this restriction to be lifted. We want there to be a free market to purchase our sport. Of course, we do not know that any of the new companies will come in with a bid but it will be very interesting to see if they do."

The cricket authorities have often been irked in the past that because ITV has been uninterested in covering the sport, the BBC has had a monopoly.

The 10 major sports events are: the Commonwealth Games (when staged in the UK), England cricket Test matches, the Derby, World Cup football finals, FA Cup final, Grand National, Olympic Games, the Boat Race, Wimbledon tennis, and — in Scotland — the Scottish FA Cup final.

FISHING

The case of the missing trout

By Conrad Voss Bark

Probably the strangest thing that has happened in fishing this year is the mystery of the vanishing sea trout.

In half a dozen famous game fishing rivers in a small area of western Ireland, from mid-Mayo down to Galway Bay, the sea trout this season virtually disappeared. "Many of the fish that were taken were underweight, long and thin," Kieran Thompson, of Newport House in Mayo, one of Ireland's best-known sporting hotels, said. "Peter Mantle noted this last year on the Delphi fishery, in Galway, and now we are seeing the same phenomenon here to the north.

"Fish have been tested and found to be disease-free but undernourished. There is either a lack of food at sea or for some reason or another, fish are choosing not to feed."

Recent reports suggest that scientists are puzzled and that Ireland's Department of the Marine (which looks after inland as well as sea fisheries) has started an investigation.

"Famous fisheries such as the Screebe, Costello and Ballynahinch have depleted sea trout stocks, although salmon are abundant," Finlan said. "The sea trout are also abnormally scarce in the Delphi fishery in the Dooleogh valley."

Dr Piggins, of the Atlantic Salmon Research Trust in Mayo, said: "We count all the fish on the Burishoole River and this year we got only 150 sea trout when in the 1970s we would get 3,000. Where we used to have 500 to 1,000 caught on the rod, we had only 20 caught this year.

"We simply do not know what has happened. We have noticed that practically all the sea trout we have seen have been small and thin and covered in sea lice. A heavy infestation of sea lice can kill fish, but we do not as yet *know whether this is in fact* contributing to the scarcity."

In contrast, the salmon runs in *Galway, Connemara and Mayo* have been very heavy this year, especially the run of young salmon (grilse). The ones I saw caught were strong, fresh fish with few sea lice.

Runs of migratory fish do vary year by year, although the lack of sea trout this year has been quite exceptional. However, there was a big sea lough down in Kerry which last year had practically no sea trout in it at all, whereas this year the lough was full of fish in good condition.

If the Kerry pattern is followed by rivers from mid-Mayo *down to Galway Bay, which* suffered so badly from the shortage this year, then it is not impossible they could have a fine run of sea trout in 1990.

Tilley lamps provide illumination

By Jack Crossley

It was a letter to touch your heart: "I have recently taken up *sea angling but I am* totally bemused with such terms as snoods, shock leaders, slack tides, neaps and other sea angling terms which seem to be endless".

The letter appeared in *Angler's Mail and, not surprisingly,* the advice given by columnist Chris Clark was that all the answers are to be found in the new *Angler's Mail Complete Guide to Shore Fishing* (Hamlyn £6.95; author: Chris Clark).

But not bad advice for all that. The book is a colourful addition to the welter of angling tomes published (and, presumably, sold) every year — beautifully illustrated and written with clarity. Thumbing through the index, I discovered that the bemused beginner could quickly unravel the mysteries of bombs, overhead thump, spade-ends, long booms, maddies, spigots, reducers and star drags.

Total beginners should turn first to page 16, where the author is photographed with shore fishing gear under the caption: "This modest mound of tackle represents virtually all the gear I need for anything that swims around the British coastline. I always travel as lightly as possible".

There then follows a list of 24 items, including rods, reels, brolly, groundsheet, filleting knife, paraffin lamp and miner's headlight. To buy all the specialist gear used by Clark would set you back some £1,500 — but Clark carries some sophisticated gear. His book claims that the beginner could get on the shore and into the fish for under £100.

Into what sort of fish? Clark is nothing if not an enthusiast and spells out how the British coastline provides "every imaginable kind of fish habitat.

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Cacoethes to emerge triumphant

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Cacoethes can finally emerge from the shadow of Nashwan at Longchamp tomorrow by beating Star Lift and Aliysa in the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Victory for the King George and International Stakes runner-up would give Guy Harwood his second and Steve Cauthen his first win in the world's most demanding Flat race, with its total added prize-money of £850,000.

Cacoethes bitterly disappointed all at Pulborough when only third to Nashwan in the Derby. But the Alydar colt fulfilled their highest expectations when running the same horse to a neck at Ascot. Later, over York's 10 furlongs, Cacoethes found his stable companion, Ile De Chypre, just too sharp.

At Ascot the Harwood star made the fatal mistake of attempting to beat Nashwan for speed and his proven stamina is bound to be more effective in the season's most searching test.

The draw is always of supreme importance in the Arc. Horses drawn on the outside have to hurry to hold a good position, and the lower-to-middle numbers are traditionally favourite. Cacoethes, in stall No 8, is therefore ideally treated.

"Cacoethes has travelled over well and is in tremendous shape," said Harwood yesterday. "If anything he is better now than before Ascot. The faster the going the better and we don't want too much rain."

Andre Fabre, champion French trainer and successful in 1987 with Trempolino, discussing the big race, said: "If there isn't a champion three-year-old colt in the field, it's generally won by an older horse or a three-year-old filly. The older colts have more experience and are easier to train. Fillies are generally improving in the autumn. Star Lift and Young Mother would therefore be my pick."

Already successful three times this season, the five-year-old Star Lift was particularly impressive when quickening clear of Robore in the Prix Foy. More rain, that is forecasted in the Paris area, will be to the advantage of this tough performer.

Fabre also runs the unbeaten In the Wings (Cash Asmussen), French Glory (Pat Eddery) and Sierra Roberta (Freddie Head).

Eddery will be out for a record fifth win on Khaled Abdulla's Prix Niel runner-up, French Glory. Freddie Head will be bidding to accomplish the same feat on Sierra Roberto, who was second to Young Mother in the Prix Vermeille.

Young Mother, as the convincing winner of France's top race for fillies, commands the highest respect. Our Oaks winner, Aliysa is strongly fancied to give the dynasty of the Aga Khan's their fifth Arc win.



Leading Arc contender Cacoethes keeping cool during his preparation for tomorrow's big race at Longchamp

BIG-RACE LINE-UP C4

Going: good **Draw advantage: low numbers best**

4.25 CIGA PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Group I: 1m 4f) (Winner £450,450: 2nd £180,180: 3rd £90,090: 4th £45,045) (19 runners)

1 (16) 4-33151 CARROLL HOUSE 36 (D,G,S) (A Balzarini) M Jarvis (GB) 4-9-4 .... M J Kinane 95
(ch c Lord Gayle — Tuna) (Yellow, light blue stars, yellow sleeves, yellow cap, light blue star)
2 (13) -334122 MANSONNIEN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mme B Destremau) N Pelat 5-9-4 .... G Mosse 88
(ch h Tip Moss — Association) (Blue, yellow cross belts and cap)
3 (17) -312242 ROBORE 21 (CD,S) (Marquis de Geoffre) N Pelat 4-9-4 .... A Gibert 90
(b c Zino — Mona Mou) (Grey and red chevrons, grey sleeves, yellow cap)
4 (18) 2-22253 TOP CLASS 78 (D,F,G) (M Lemos) C Brittain 4-9-4 .... M Roberts 90
(b c High Top — Cassina) (Black and white check)
5 (9) 0-1218P SAINT ANDREWS 21 (C,G,S) (F Stronach) J-M Beguigne 5-9-4 .... E Legrix 94
(b h Kenmare — Hardiona) (Blue, three black diamonds, blue cap)
6 (2) 406631 PETRULLO 17 (D,G,S) (C Webster) R Casey (GB) 4-9-4 .... G Guignard 87
(b c Electric — My Therape) (Dark blue, white cross belts, blue and gold quartered cap)
7 (6) 1-12141 STAR LIFT 21 (CD,S) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre 5-9-4 .... D Boeuf 95
(ch h Mill Reef — Seneca) (Dark blue, light blue cap)
8 (5) 014544 BRITANNIA 14 (G,S) (S Marcassargues) B Schutz (WG) 4-9-1 .... T Quinn 87
(b f Tarim — Bonna) (Red, green chevron, red cap with green star)
9 (3) -61412 FRENCH GLORY 21 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) A Fabre 3-8-11 .... Pat Eddery 90
(b c Sadler's Wells — Dunette) (Green, pink epaulettes and cap, white sleeves)
10 (11) 11-1 IN THE WINGS 14 (C,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 3-8-11 .... C Asmussen 92
(b c Sadler's Wells — High Hawk) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
11 (8) -113122 CACOETHES 47 (D,F) (Lady Harrison) G Harwood (GB) 3-8-11 .... S Cauthen ● 99
(b c Alydar — Careless Notion) (Light green, dark blue hooped sleeves and striped cap)
12 (19) -12221 GOLDEN PHEASANT 21 (CD,S) (B McNall) J Pease 3-8-11 .... A Cruz 93
(gr c Caro — Perfect Pigeon) (Grey and dark blue diamonds, dark blue sleeves and cap)
13 (1) -111110 HARVEST TIME 80 (D,G,S) (P de Moussac) H Pantall 3-8-11 .... J Boisnard 94
(b c Noir Et Or — First Crop) (Black, yellow hoops and cap)
14 (15) -524222 NORBERTO 42 (C,S) (Mme V Payson) P-L Biancone 3-8-11 .... G W Moore 84
(b c Roberto — Northern Sunset) (White, blue frame on body, blue and white diabolo sleeves, blue cap)
15 (4) -1121 LEGAL CASE 23 (F,S) (Sir G White) L Cumani (GB) 3-8-11 .... R Cochrane 93
(b c Alleged — Maryinsky) (Red and white stripes, white sleeves, yellow cap)
16 (7) 1-112 ALIYSA 85 (D,F,G) (Aga Khan) M Stoute (GB) 3-8-8 .... W R Swinburn 95
(b f Darshaan — Alannya) (Green, red epaulettes)
17 (12) 51-113 BEHERA 35 (C,F,S) (Aga Khan) A de Royer-Dupre 3-8-8 .... A Lequeux 93
(b f Mill Reef — Borushka) (Green, red epaulettes, white sash)
18 (14) -111131 YOUNG MOTHER 21 (CD,F,G,S) (J-M Beguigne) J-M Beguigne 3-8-8 .... A Badel 98
(b f Youth — Santa Tina) (White, single black stripe, black armlets and cap)
19 (3) 35-4312 SIERRA ROBERTA 21 (C,S) (P de Moussac) A Fabre 3-8-8 .... F Head 94
(ch f Don Roberto — Sierra Morena) (Black, yellow hoops and cap, white sash)

BETTING: 9-2 Aliysa and Behera (coupled), 5-1 Cacoethes, 11-2 Young Mother and Saint Andrews (coupled), 7-1 Golden Pheasant, In The Wings, 10-1 French Glory, Legal Case, Star Lift, 12-1 Sierra Roberta and Harvest Time (coupled), 16-1 Carroll House, 25-1 Robore, Top Class, 50-1 Norberto, 66-1 Petrullo, 100-1 Mansonnien, 200-1 Britannia.

1988: TONY BIN 5-9-4 (J Reid) L Camici (It) 24 ran

Form guide to the 19 contenders

CARROLL HOUSE (9-6) gained his most important success to date when staying on bravely to win the Phoenix Champion Stakes (group I, 1m 2f, good) by 1l from Citidancer (8-11) with PETRULLO (9-6) ¾l away 3rd. Previously CARROLL HOUSE (9-7) had finished 11l 5th to Nashwan (8-8) in the King George at Ascot (group I, 1m 4f, good to firm), where CACOETHES (8-8) ran the best race of his career in finishing second, beaten a neck, with TOP CLASS (9-7) seven lengths away third.

MANSONNIEN (9-0), a course and distance winner on good going last year, was having his first race for more than three months when ½l second to IN THE WINGS (8-9) at Longchamp last month (group III, 1m 2f, good to soft), when the unbeaten winner was making a belated seasonal reappearance.

ROBORE (9-0) was also returning from a three-month lay-off when ¾l 2nd to STAR LIFT (9-2) over course and distance in mid-September (group III, soft) when SAINT ANDREWS (9-4) was pulled up. STAR LIFT, last year's French St Leger winner, has gained all his six wins on soft going but ran well on good ground in June when (9-8) a 2l 5th, after being badly hampered, to Sheriff's Star (9-8) at St Cloud (group I, 1m 4f) where GOLDEN PHEASANT (8-9) was 2nd, beaten a head.

BRITANNIA has not won outside his native Germany. Last time (9-7) finished 10l 4th to Ibn Bey (9-7) at Cologne (group 1, 1m 4f, soft). FRENCH GLORY (8-11) finished 1½l 2nd to GOLDEN PHEASANT (8-11) at Longchamp (group II, 1m 4f) where Nashwan (9-4), ½l further away 3rd, suffered his first and only defeat. GOLDEN PHEASANT's two wins have both been on soft going. CACOETHES (8-10) last time out failed by 1½l to catch enterprisingly-ridden stable companion Ile De Chypre (9-6) in Juddmonte International Stakes at York (group 1, 1m 2f 110yd, good to firm) and is probably better over today's longer trip.

HARVEST TIME's run of success ended in July when (8-5) 13l last of 7 to Ibn Bey (9-4) at Saint-Cloud (group II, 1m 4f 110yd, good to firm. Previously, HARVEST TIME (8-12) had graduated from provincial tracks to beat GOLDEN PHEASANT (8-9) 2½l with FRENCH GLORY (8-9) a further 4½l away fourth at Chantilly (group III, 1m 4f, good to soft).

NORBERTO, whose only victory to date was gained over a mile here last season, finished (8-4) 2½l 2nd to Borromini at Deauville (group II, 1m 5f 110yd, soft) on latest start. LEGAL CASE, a progressive and lightly-raced son of dual Arc winner Alleged, was (8-6) impressive winner of group III race at Goodwood by 4l from Greenwich Papillon (8-6) (1m 2f, good to soft) last month. Has yet to tackle today's trip.

ALIYSA, winner of the Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom in June, suffered her first defeat when (9-0) ¾l 2nd to Alydaress (9-0) in Irish Oaks at the Curragh in July (group 1, 1m 4f, good). Has not run since. BEHERA was having first race for 3½ months when (9-2) 3l 3rd to SIERRA ROBERTA (8-9) at Longchamp five weeks ago (group III, 1m 2f, good to soft). BEHERA had previously won group one Longchamp race in May (1m 2f, good to firm), beating the French Oaks runner-up Louveterie and the French Oaks winner Lady in Silver, who went on to finish second in the Arlington Million.

YOUNG MOTHER (9-2) won group I Prix Vermeille over course and distance (soft) on latest start, beating SIERRA ROBERTA (9-2) 1½l with Colorado Dancer (9-2) the same distance away third. Previously, YOUNG MOTHER (8-13) had been beaten two short heads by Colorado Dancer (8-10) at Longchamp group II, 1m 5f 110yd, good to soft.

Selection: CACOETHES

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Sheikh Mohammed to collect rich bonanza with Cullinan

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Sheikh Mohammed the world's biggest spender on thoroughbred yearlings, would be an appropriate winner of the second running of the Cartier Million at the Phoenix Park this afternoon, which is Europe's richest race for two-year-olds.

The race is confined to youngsters who 12 months ago went through the Goffs sales ring at Kill in Co Kildare, having already been nominated for this event.

The Sheikh is three-handed in this 20-runner field and two of his runners, Anshan and Cullinan look certain to dispute favouritism and probably the finish as well.

Both have won their latest start with impressive ease. Anshan scored by six lengths from Myhamet over a mile at Sandown in the European Breeders Fund Stakes. Coincidentally, Cullinan had the identical margin when he won the Garrards Maiden Stakes over six furlongs at Goodwood, running away from Miss Java.

The draw plays a definite role in a field of this sized over the Phoenix Park seven-furlong track, and those drawn one to six are at a considerable disadvantage. However, even here the luck of the draw has favoured Sheikh Mohammed as Anshan and Cullinan have been drawn alongside in the No 15 and 16 stalls.

Despite the mammoth purse, there is no previous pattern-race winner in the field and the one that has gone nearest in a group race is Book The Band, who finished second to Rock Castle in the Gimcrack Stakes at York and did not have the best of runs when third to Dashing Blade in the group one GPA National Stakes at the Curragh.

Summing up, I take note that the overnight ease in ground will favour Cullinan, rather than Anshan, and make him my first choice, with the each-way value, Missing You.

CARTIER FIELD BBC1. C4

Going: good *Draw: high numbers best*

4.0 CARTIER MILLION (2-Y-O: Ir£499,450: 7f) (20 runners)

1 511 ANSHAN 40 (F) J Gosden 9-0 .... S Cauthen 15
2 1 BASTILLE DAY 24 (F) T Stack 9-0 .... W Newnes 14
3 125 BOOK THE BAND 28 (F) R Armstrong 9-0 P Shanahan 5
4 163 CHIPANDABIT 9 (F,G) J Berry 9-0 .... M Wigham 7
5 31 CULLINAN 22 (S) L Cumani 9-0 .... R Cochrane 16
6 23 DASHING SENOR 24 A Stewart 9-0 .... M Roberts 1
7 213 GOING SUPERSONIC 70 (F) T Stack 9-0 .. P V Gilson 4
8 14 JOVIAL 42 (F) M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn 19
9 5 LEGAL VERDICT 28 N McGrath 9-0 .... D Parnell 13
10 3 LOCH FRUIN 40 B Hills 9-0 .... M Hills 2
11 1314 SADLERS CONGRESS 42 D Weld 9-0 .... R Carroll 8
12 1146 SHEER PRECOCITY 40 (F) F Lee 9-0 .... W Carson 6
13 1126 SIMPLY TERRIFIC 14 T Stack 9-0 .... R Quinton 11
14 4223 SUPER FLAME 21 J Canty 9-0 .... — 20
15 041 TIME SLOT 8 (G) M V O'Brien 9-0 .... J Reid 12
16 252 WAKI GOLD 15 P Kelleway 9-0 .... M [illegible] 5
17 4 AVOCA HOLMES 16 J FitzGerald 8-11 .... A Culhane 3
18 2 MISSING YOU 35 T Stack 8-11 .... S Craine 10
19 1 PETITE MOU 57 (F) J Dunlop 8-11 .... D Gillespie 17
20 21 THE CARETAKER 35 (G) D Weld 8-11 .. M J Kinane 18

RESERVES:
21 032 HEAD ABOVE J Canty 9-0 .... —
22 23 MY POTTERS J Oxx 8-11 .... —
23 0324 PRINCE SAPPHIRE A Redmond 9-0 .... —

5-2 Anshan, 4-1 Book The Band, 5-1 Cullinan, 7-1 The Caretaker, 8-1 Missing You, 10-1 Jovial, Loch Fruin.

Form guide

FORM FOCUS ANSHAN is on a treble following two wins at Sandown, on latter occasion beating Myhamet (winner since) 6l in a graduation race (1m, good to firm). Potentially smart and may improve further.

BASTILLE DAY head winner from Catch Twenty Two in a valuable Fairyhouse maiden (7f, good to firm). May improve.

BOOK THE BAND 1l 3rd of 10 to Dashing Blade in a Curragh group I event (7f, good) with LEGAL VERDICT (same terms) 6¼l 5th; previously good 1¾l 2nd to Rock City in Gimcrack Stakes (6f, good to firm) at York.

CHIPANDABIT 4¾l 3rd to Dawrik (gave 19lb) in a valuable Ascot nursery (6f, good to firm) last time.

CULLINAN beat Miss Java 6l in a Goodwood maiden (6f, good to soft); has plenty of scope for improvement.

JOVIAL, 9-4 on, 10l 4th to Spinning in a listed race at Newmarket (1m, good) last time; previously the easy winner of a Nottingham maiden (6f, firm).

LOCH FRUIN 1¾l 2nd of 18 to Marienski in a Newmarket maiden (7f, good to firm) despite missing the break.

PETITE MOU beat Badgers Dash 2l in a Kempton maiden (6f, good to firm) on debut; stable runners usually improve for the initial run.

THE CARETAKER beat MISSING YOU (same terms) 1l in a listed event over this course and distance; the latter was making her debut that day and looks the pick of Tommy Stack's three runners. Stable won this last year.

Selection: ANSHAN

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Ciren Jester. 2.45 Guici's Rag. 3.15 My New Best Friend. 3.45 Karnatak. 4.15 Unpaid Member. 4.45 Gerami. 5.15 Honey Saint.

Going: good to firm

2.15 SUBALTERNS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,646: 2m) (7 runners)

1 34-1 MILL DE LEASE 16 (CD,F) J Dooler 4-11-4 .... W Worthington
2 00/ CIREN JESTER 16F W Musson 5-10-12 .... D Murphy
3 2222 CANESTRELLI 26 (B) P Blockley 4-10-11 P McCarthy (7)
4 003- RICH NEPHEW 145 C Weedon 4-10-11 .... R Dunwoody
5 F0 MY SERENADE 10 P Bevan 5-10-7 .... T Wall
6 /0F- TURN UP THE WICK 166 Miss A King 5-10-7 .. L Harvey
7 F46- SOLENT STEEL 158 A Chamberlain 4-10-6 .... Lorna Vincent

10-11 Mill De Lease, 6-4 Rich Nephew, 8-1 Canestrelli, 14-1 My Serenade, 20-1 others.

2.45 LICHFIELD GARRISON CHALLENGE CUP (Novices chase: £1,973: 2m 4f) (6)

1 45-1 RAMSDELL 21 (D,F) B Smart 7-11-6 .... R Dunwoody
2 2P-0 ANNETTE'S VENTURE 14 R Lee 7-11-0 .... W McFarland (3)
3 0UF- GARRISON PARK 193 Mr J Cambidge 6-11-0 .... —
4 624- GUICI'S RAG 144 J Edwards 5-11-0 .... T Morgan
5 P/05- TRUE HOLLOW 131 Mrs P Pile 7-11-0 .... R Campbell
6 6P/P WYVERN 16 (F) W Clay 6-11-0 .... R Beven (7)

4-5 Ramsdell, 7-2 Guici's Rag, 7-1 Annette's Venture, 16-1 Garrison Park, 20-1 True Hollow, Wyvern.

3.15 PAYMASTERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 3m) (8)

1 51 MY NEW BEST FRIEND 18 (V,F) R Lee 5-12-0 .... W McFarland (3)
2 0-4 MARTINSBURG 10 W Morris 6-12-0 .... Gary Lyons (7)
3 2156 THATS NICE 8 (B,F) C Popham 6-11-6 .... M Jones (7)
4 0-43 BORDER LOCH 15 P Davis 5-11-2 .... Tanya Davis
5 -2P5 HYDRO-ELECTRIC 40 (V) K Wingrove 4-10-2 .. A Carroll
6 -32P FOREIGN KNIGHT 26 (B,F) R Juckes 5-10-0 .... A Juckes (7)
7 P-55 JILLY WOOD 8 Mrs J Retter 5-10-0 .... —
8 PP-5 EVER A LADY 21 T Bailey 5-10-0 .... —

2-1 My New Best Friend, 9-4 Border Loch, 11-2 Foreign Knight, 6-1 Hydro-Electric, 10-1 Jilly Wood, 12-1 Thats Nice.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Edwards, 12 winners from 62 runners, 19.4%; G Thorner, 3 from 21, 14.3%; D McCain, 7 from 64, 10.9%; W Clay, 17 from 156, 10.9%; Miss S Wilton, 6 from 56, 10.7%.

JOCKEYS: T Morgan, 5 winners from 23 rides, 21.7%; G McCourt, 8 from 39, 20.5%; R Dunwoody, 10 from 87, 11.5%. (Only qualifiers).

3.45 15th/5th QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,462: 2m 4f) (5)

1 3231 KARNATAK 7 (D,F) K Bridgwater 8-11-10 .... R Dunwoody
2 32P3 HEADIN' ON 22 (C,D,F) K White 9-11-1 .... T Wall
3 5/05- VALLEY JUSTICE 184 (D,S) C Trietline 9-10-9 L Harvey
4 U332 PALACE YARD 7 (F,S) K Wingrove 7-10-0 .... M Bowlby
5 -P4U BEST INTENT 22 T Bailey 12-10-0 .... —

7-4 Karnatak, 3-1 Palace Yard, 7-1 Headin' On, 14-1 Best Intent, 16-1 Valley Justice.

4.15 STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap hurdle: £1,688: 2m) (9)

1 64-2 UNPAID MEMBER 21 (D,F) P Blockley 5-12-0 S J O'Neill
2 04-1 GOLD TINT 40 (B,D,F,S) T McGovern 4-11-11 .... P Corrigan
3 F-13 DUAL CAPACITY 22 (BF,D,F,G) W Musson 5-10-13 .... D Murphy
4 F0-5 BEAULIEU BAY 40 (V,D,G) K Wingrove 5-10-9 .... M Bowlby
5 14-5 COURT RULER 35 (D,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 6-10-8 .... G McCourt
6 /8-4 BICKERMAN 19 (B,D,F,G) J Spearing 6-10-8 .... Lorna Vincent
7 3-24 SUPER SOL 22 (D,G) K Morgan 5-10-1 .... R Dunwoody
8 2-64 GLEN WEAVING 9 (D,F,S) L Codd 5-10-1 .. M Richards
9 -453 LUCY LASTIC 16 (CD,F,S) W Clay 5-10-0 .. R Beven (7)

11-4 Unpaid Member, 9-2 Dual Capacity, 5-1 Gold Tint, 7-1 Glen Weaving, 8-1 Super Sol, 9-1 Bickerman, 12-1 Court Ruler.

4.45 STAFFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,357: 3m 2f) (4)

1 -114 GERAMI 59 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) J Edwards 9-12-0 T Morgan
2 -411 GRAND VALUE 7 (CD,F,G) D McCain 5-10-8 .... R Dunwoody
3 U3-1 LE GRAND MAITRE 7 (C,D,F,G,S) G Roe 8-10-0 .... P McDermott (7)
4 35-6 STORMGUARD 28 (F) W Clay 6-10-0 .... R Beven (7)

11-8 Grand Value, 9-4 Le Grand Maitre, 5-2 Gerami, 14-1 Stormguard.

5.15 RECRUITS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,590: 2m 4f) (10)

1 660- CODENAME NIGHTJAR 189 J Townson 6-12-0 .... —
2 22-6 TRIBAL RULER 16 D McCain 4-11-10 .... R Dunwoody
3 62-2 SILVER ARCH 4F (BF) R Hollinshead 4-11-9 .... —
4 005- MISTRESS ROSS 130 G Thorner 6-11-3 .... W McFarland (3)
5 -354 CREOLE BAY 21 R Eckley 5-11-1 .... M Jackson (7)
6 WELL INFORMED 303 F Coton 7-11-0 .... P Dever
7 F64 HONEY SAINT 21 T McGovern 4-10-13 .... P Corrigan
8 0 MSHAHARA 19 P Hedger 11-10-9 .... M Richards
9 P-00 KINGSBRIDGE FLYER 17 A Chamberlain 7-10-3 .... Lorna Vincent
10 F-F0 POACHING POCKET 7 P Connors 6-10-2 .... G Martin

2-1 Honey Saint, 11-4 Silver Arch, 4-1 Tribal Ruler, 8-1 Creole Bay, 12-1 Mshahara, 16-1 others.

TOMORROW'S ABBAYE FIELD C4

3.45 CIGA PRIX DE L'ABBAYE DE LONGCHAMP (Group I: colts & fillies: £63,063: 5f) (16 runners)

1 282230 NABEEL DANCER 8 (S) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott (GB) 4-9-11 .... Pat Eddery
2 451361 OR ACIER 39 (G) (H Chalhoub) R Collet 3-9-11 .... C Asmussen
3 464610 POINT OF LIGHT 8 (G) (B) (R Cox) G Lewis (GB) 4-9-11 .... J Reid
4 212131 STATOBLEST 25 (F,G) (R Duchossois) L Cumani (GB) 3-9-11 .. R Cochrane
5 301325 GREENS CANALETTO 8 (F,G) (R Green) W Jarvis (GB) 3-9-11 .. S Cauthen
6 130130 PELLEZZANO 29 (G) (B) (C Haddouk) L Tassin 3-9-11 .... D Lowalczak
7 -13111 GRAPHUS (Haras Doce Vale) A Oliveira (Braz) 5-9-11 .... J Ricardo
8 023421 CHUMMYS FAVOURITE 8 (F) (M Hill) N Callaghan (GB) 4-9-11 .. L Dettori
9 512524 WHIPPET 10 (F,G,S) (B) (A Richards) J Hammond 5-9-11 .... E Legrix
10 341112 CRICKET BALL 36 (G,S) (R Scully) J Fellows 6-9-11 .... G Mosse
11 -21061 ASTRONEF 39 (G,S) (B) (R Strauss) R Collet 5-9-11 .... A Lequeux
12 00011 RAINBOW BRITE 43 (F) (P Brunet) P Brunet (Bel) 3-9-8 .... E Haveghaer
13 217146 NAVRATILOVNA 35 (G,S) (B) (I Correas) D Smaga 3-9-8 .... F Head
14 001322 ZADRACARTA 48 (F) (B) (S Stavro) P Collins (Can) 4-9-8 .... A Cruz
15 114242 SILVER FLING 8 (F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding (GB) 4-9-8 .... J Matthias
16 3-412 RICH AND FAMOUS 33 (G) (R Gilbert) P Bary 2-8-5 .... W Carson

5-2 Statoblest, 4-1 Cricket Ball, 9-2 Silver Fling, 10-1 Nabeel Dancer, 12-1 Whippet, 14-1 Chummys Favourite, Zadracarta.

Longchamp tomorrow C4

3.10 PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC (Group I: 2-Y-O fillies: £53,063: 1m: all carry 8st 9lb) (15 runners)

31 Houseproud trained by A Fabre (ridden by Pat Eddery); 12 Salsabil J Dunlop (GB) W Carson; 122 Girmazi A Fabre C Asmussen; 1 Wajna H Cecil (GB) S Cauthen; 10 Appealing Missy P-L Biancone G W Moore, 1 Rive Du Sud Mme C Head G Guignard; 21 Mesida F Boutin F Head; 01 Alaki F Boutin G Mosse; 013 Native Guile B Hills (GB) M Hills; 144 Ambiente J Bolger (Ire) C Roche; 436 Mill Lady C Lerner G Dubroeucq; 13 Sercernas D Smaga A Lequeux; 351 Palace Street A Scott (GB) W R Swinburn; 120 Zinarelle J Laumain A Gibert, 324 Loving J Fellows A Cruz

5-4 Girmazi and Wajna (coupled), 8-1 Rive Du Sud, 10-1 Salsabil, Mesida.

5.10 CIGA PRIX DE L'OPERA (Group II: 3-Y-O & 4-Y-O fillies: £44,381: 1m 1f 55yd) (17 runners)

124 Gabina trained by J-C Cunnington 4-9-4 ridden by E Legrix; 313 Athyka Mme C Head 4-9-4 G Guignard; 143 Indian Queen W Hastings-Bass (GB) 4-9-2 S Cauthen; 225 Fille Ardrosa B Schutz (WG) 3-9-2 M Roberts; 041 Miss Kenmare M Rolland 4-8-13 W Mongil; 211 Upward Trend J Bolger (Ire) 3-8-11 C Roche; 513 Be Exclusive A Fabre 3-8-11 Pat Eddery; 001 Premier Amour R Collet 3-8-11 A Lequeux; 110 Bellarida Mme C Head 3-8-11 F Head; 552 Sherarda A de Royer-Dupre 3-8-9 A Cruz; 521 Lady Winner M Zilber 3-8-9 G Dubroeucq; -41 Silicon Lady J Pease 3-8-9 W Carson; -51 Dancing Tribute M Stoute (GB) 3-8-9 W R Swinburn; 221 J'ai Deux Amours A Fabre 3-8-9 C Puerari; 425 Mary Linoa D Smaga 3-8-9 G Mosse; 611 Ode E Lellouche 3-8-9 D Boeuf; 221 Gild Of France D Smaga 3-8-9 —

4-1 Gabina, 9-2 Athyka and Bellarida (coupled), 5-1 Dancing Tribute : : :

Longchamp today C4

2.40 CIGA PRIX DE LUTECE (Group III: 3-Y-O: £23,070: 1m 7f) (9 runners) 112 Turgeon trained by J Pease 9-3 (ridden by A Cruz). 011 Les Belle J Hammond 9-3 (G Dubroeucq). 241 Khandesh K Bone/Rutzel (Switz) 9-3 (P Coppens). 322 Mardonius A Fabre 8-11 (C Asmussen); 160 Selvaig Mme C Head 8-11 (G Guignard); 222 Demawend M Stoute (GB) 8-7 (G W Moore). 023 Flying Hope R Collet 8-7 (A Lequeux). 400 Mill Pond F Biancone 8-7 (E Legrix). 114 Scatter F Boutin 8-7 (F Head).

2-1 Demawend, 3-1 Turgeon, 4-1 Mardonius, 9-2 Mill Pond, 10-1 others.

3.10 CIGA PRIX DOLLAR (Group II: £35,372: 1m 1f 165yd) (9) 321 Creator A Fabre 5-9-0 (C Asmussen); 304 Hoolime Y Porzier 4-8-13 (T Jarnet); 330 Shady Heights R Armstrong (GB) 5-8-13 (G Baxter); 013 Nello Calder A Fabre 4-8-13 (D Boeuf). 131 Tertes N Pelat 3-8-12 (G Guignard); 110 Val Des Bois Mme C Head 3-8-12 (F Head). 222 Silver Lane M Zilber 4-8-10 (G Dubroeucq); 112 Light Of Morn B Hanbury (GB) 3-8-9 (A Cruz). 330 Rainlike F Boutin (G Mosse).

2-1 Creator, 4-1 Tertes, 9-2 Shady Heights, 5-1 Val Des Bois, 6-1 Silver Lane.

4.20 CIGA GRAND CRITERIUM (Group I: 2-Y-O: £109,109: 1m) (8) 123 Honor Rajana P Bary 8-11 (E Legrix), 11 Linamix F Boutin 8-11 (G Mosse); 218 Snow Bowl P-L Biancone 8-11 (D Boeuf); 111 Filago Mme C Head 8-11 (G Guignard), 2 Bold Ambition B Hills (GB) (A Cruz), 212 Jade Robbery A Fabre (C Asmussen); 125 Spendomania J Fellows 8-8 (G W Moore); 10 Victory Chorus D Smaga 8-8 (A Lequeux).

6-4 Jade Robbery, 5-2 Linamix, 9-2 Filago, 7-1 Bold Ambition, Honor Rajana, 8-1 Victory Chorus.

4.50 CIGA PRIX DE ROYALLIEU (Group II: fillies & mares: £36,007 1m 4f 110yd) (11) 011 Lucky Song L Cumani (GB) 3-8-1 (A Cruz). 221 Cernelle A de Royer-Dupre 4-9-0 (W Mongil). 152 Tycoon B Marguerite 4-9-0 (G Mosse). 404 Kingsfold Flame M Haynes (GB) 6-9-0 (R Fox). 322 Summer Trip J Fellows 4-9-0 (A Gibert). 441 Passionaria J Hammond 3-8-8 (C Asmussen). 022 Margotte M Boutin 3-8-8 (M Boutin). 201 Myth To Reality D Sepulchre 3-8-8 (F Head). 013 Akadya C Nerve 3-8-8 (G Dubroeucq). 132 Robertet E Lellouche 3-8-8 (D Boeuf). 1-41 Sioux City A Fabre 3-8-8 (A Lequeux).

3-1 Summer Trip, 7-2 Lucky Song, 5-1 Akadya, 7-1 Robertet & Sioux City (coupled).

KELSO

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Native Friend. 2.45 Mighty Glow. 3.15 Third In Line. 3.45 Renshaw Wood. 4.15 Kilmond Wood. 4.45 Magic At Dawn.

Going: firm

2.15 MELROSE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,508: 2m) (11 runners)

1 212 NATIVE FRIEND 11F (D,BF,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-4 .... M Dwyer
2 0 ASQUITH 14 N Tinkler 10-12 .... G McCourt
3 BLAKESWARE GOLD 32F G Moore 10-12 M Hammond
4 DALMORE 465F F Watson 10-12 .... A Merrigan
5 60P DRU RI'S BRU RI 7 W Bentley 10-12 .... L Wyer
6 694 JAUNTY GIG 30 W A Stephenson 10-12 .... C Grant
7 2 PANSONG 12F T Fairhurst 10-12 .... R Garritty (5)
8 630 SHACKMAN 19 J Johnson 10-12 .... A S Smith (7)
9 WILLILOV 46F Denys Smith 10-12 .... P Niven
10 FAST APPROACH 19F A Robson 10-7 .. J Callaghan (7)
11 F MELODY GILL 14 Mrs P Barker 10-7 .... C Hawkins

8-11 Native Friend, 11-4 Pansong, 5-1 Jaunty Gig, 7-1 Asquith, 12-1 Shackman, 16-1 Blakesware Gold, 20-1 others.

2.45 CHRISTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,048: 2m 6f) (8)

1 40-1 MIGHTY GLOW 11 (F) C Tinkler 5-12-0 .. Mrs A Farrell
2 111- AMBERGATE 145 (F,S) W A Stephenson 5-12-0 .... Mr K Johnson (5)
3 10P- ITALIAN TOUR 143 (G) Mrs G Plowright 9-11-10 .... P A Farrell
4 -222 NEW KINGSGROVE 10 (V,BF,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-11-6 —
5 P3P- ANDREW 139 (C,S) S Leadbetter 8-11-7 .... C Hawkins
6 136 ALL OVER THE WORLD 16 (F) Denys Smith 5-10-13 .... C Grant
7 03-4 POLITICAL PROSPECT 16 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-10-9 .... L O'Hare (7)
8 P-00 LOCHAR BRIG 18 D McCaskill 10-10-6 .. Miss J Wadian

5-4 Mighty Glow, 2-1 Ambergate, 6-1 New Kingsgrove, 10-1 All Over The World, Andrew, 16-1 others.

3.15 STELRAD NOVICES CHASE (£2,115: 2m 6f) (5)

1 1-11 WALTINGO 7 (F) W A Stephenson 6-10-1 .... C Grant
2 6-63 CROMACH 5 (B) C Parker 7-11-1 .... B Storey
3 323- THIRD IN LINE 226 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-1 .... M Dwyer
4 FPP- GILSAN GREY 179 (F) G Moore 8-10-10 .. M Hammond
5 0P-3 TYCOON MOON 19 Mrs D Thomson 8-10-10 .... Mr D Mactaggart (7)

1-2 Waltingo, 7-2 Third In Line, 8-1 Cromach, 12-1 Gilsan Grey, 20-1 Tycoon Moon.

3.45 NENTHORN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,154: 3m) (3)

1 12-4 KING KANDA 48 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 11-12-0 .... J K Kinane
2 114- TASAR 130 (B,C,D,F,G) W A Stephenson 8-11-13 .... C Grant
3 43-5 RENSHAW WOOD 9 (F,G) P Beaumont 8-11-10 .... Mrs A Farrell

10-11 Renshaw Wood, 2-1 King Kanda, 3-1 Tasar.

4.15 PEGLER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,702: 2m) (10)

1 1-11 KILMOND WOOD 3 (D,F) G Moore 4-11-11 M Hammond
2 -012 HOGAN'S RUN 10 (D,BF,F) C Tinkler 4-11-5 .. R Fahey
3 PPF- ARK INVADER 131 W Storey 10-11-0 .... K Daglan
4 FETTUCCINE W A Stephenson 5-11-0 .... C Grant
5 000- RAPID BLAKE 190 D Lee 5-11-0 .... D Nolan
6 3-00 JOCK'S PERIL 30 W Fairgrieve 4-10-12 .... J Nelson
7 000 MANS NO ANGEL 11 T Craig 4-10-12 .... J Mooney
8 000- WINTER STORM 233F T Barron 4-10-13 .... M Dwyer
9 23-3 SHERMAGO 20 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-10-9 .. J K Kinane
10 640- SUPER SIX 187 P Beaumont 5-10-6 .... P A Farrell

2-1 Hogan's Run, 5-2 Kilmond Wood, 4-1 Shermago, 8-1 Fettuccine, 10-1 Mans No Angel, 12-1 others

4.45 HENDERSYDE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,604: 2m) (4)

1 1-P1 MAGIC AT DAWN 5 (D,F) G Moore 4-12-0 (4ex) .... M Hammond
2 352- ROMAN DUSK 133 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Charlton 9-11-5 .... B Storey
3 6511 HEAVENLY HOOFER 9 (D,F,G) W Storey 6-11-2 .... K Daglan
4 160- LIFE'S A LARK 232 (CD,G) T Barron 4-10-12 .. M Dwyer

11-8 Heavenly Hoofer, 6-4 Magic At Dawn, 6-1 Roman Dusk, 8-1 Life's A Lark.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Moore, 10 winners from 53 runners, 18.9%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 5 from 27, 18.5%; P Beaumont, 3 from 20, 15.0%; W A Stephenson, 34 from 231, 14.7%; Denys Smith, 8 from 56, 14.3%; N Tinkler, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Hammond, 15 winners from 62 rides, 24.2%; R Fahey, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Mrs A Farrell, 3 from 15, 20.0%; L Wyer, 4 from 30, 13.3%; A Merrigan, 7 from 53, 13.2%; P Niven, 12 from 92, 13.0%.

Down-to-earth fare with sting in the tail

A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses
No 58: TAUNTON

THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

Taunton is almost as basic as the West Country's two other jumping venues, Devon & Exeter and Newton Abbot. The stands are too low, the catering leaves a lot to be desired and the Members' enclosure is a breeding ground for hornets. But at least there is some scenery.

The course is surrounded by rolling fields and mature woodland. There is not a pylon or a superstore in sight. You feel in the West Country.

There are, though, one or two infuriating aspects about Taunton. The racecard is a joke. It lists the runners and that is about all it does. The only information it contains which does not appear in the racing papers is a list of the track's directors.

If I were the Rt Hon Sir Edward Du Cann, KBE, PC, who is one of them, I would suggest to the chairman, Norman Reading, that the charge of 50p is dropped or some sort of form guide included.

Taunton has engaged a new firm of caterers this season, Catering Management Services (West Country) Ltd. Their arrival coincides with the opening of the Orchard Restaurant, in which window tables can be booked at a "special introductory price" of £20 per head to include a three-course lunch and afternoon tea and coffee.

Punters who tried to avail themselves of this "special introductory offer" on September 29, the opening meeting of the 1989-90 season, were disappointed. The restaurant had not been built. A notice posted at the entrance said the restaurant would be open for the second meeting on October 19.

In the absence of lunch, there were sandwiches and snacks. The beef and mustard sandwich cost £1.20. It contained practically no beef. The Cornish pasty was luke-warm and had an unexciting flavour. A cup of coffee cost 60p. Overall, a pretty miserable debut by Catering Management Services.

The stand containing the new restaurant has been given a complete facelift. New facilities include private boxes commanding a view of the whole course. The ordinary racegoer does not enjoy this privilege because the viewing steps are barely above ground level.

Things are not much better in the stand reserved for members, the Portman Stand, built in 1968. The steps are so low that you can barely see the tops of the fences when the runners are on the far side. The stand does have higher floors but these are taken up by snack bars and rooms marked Private.

The clerk of the course, Tony Shewen, has recently announced major rebuilding plans so perhaps this problem will be addressed.

The crowds are smaller than at Newton Abbot and Devon & Exeter, which both rely heavily on holidaymakers. Taunton is not quite on the tourist map. The town has been redeveloped and there is a large shopping centre in the middle. There is nothing to attract the visitor except the prospect of getting lost in the multi-storey car park.

The racecourse is two miles away from all this. The views really are delightful and the best way to enjoy the racing is to forsake the enclosures and have a picnic in the centre of the course. There is a good bar and plenty of shade under some fine old oaks.

The grass in the centre of the course is home to some interesting fungi, notably the Common Earth Ball. They are fairly disgusting to eat, though you can use them to flavour stews. Eaten raw, they are poisonous.

Martin Pipe trains only a few miles away at Nicholashayne and his record at Taunton is outstanding but the days when he had big-priced winners have long gone. Philip Hobbs is worth following, especially when his brother Peter, who is based in Sussex, makes the journey down to ride them.

Taunton has had a lot of trouble over the years with tumble bends and the turn out of the back straight was completely rebuilt during the close season. It rode well, according to the jockeys.

Finally, the hornets. It is marvellous to see them, because as a species they have been practically wiped out by pesticides, but after paying 50p for a racecard and 60p for a coffee, you do not need to be stung again.

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: The course is two miles south of the town on the B3170 (Honiton). Leave the M5 at junction 25.

RAIL TRAVEL: Taunton station is 2½ miles from the course and on the London (Paddington) to Penzance line. Buses and taxis available.

ADMISSION: Members £8, Tattersalls £6, Course £3. Accompanied children under 16 admitted free.

PARKING: On the course £1, otherwise free.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: None.

HOSPITALITY: Rooms and boxes available.

INQUIRIES: Lt-Col A G M Shewen, Taunton Racecourse, Orchard Portman, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7BL. Tel: (0823) 337172.

BIG-RACE DATES: None.

Our jockey's cap denotes: Awful: two, Bearable; three, Average; four, Very good; five, Excellent.

Martin Trew

Hard As Iron set to crown fine campaign

By Mandarin

HARD AS IRON, who has shown exceptional improvement this season at the age of six, can crown a marvellous campaign by landing the William Hill Cambridgeshire at Newmarket this afternoon.

Formerly with Pat Haslam, for whom he won six times in 1986 and 1987, Hard As Iron failed to score last term but has taken on a new lease of life since joining fellow Newmarket trainer Mark Tompkins, winning six of his seven races this year.

The Ardoon gelding began the season with victory in a modest 0-75 handicap at Sandown but has climbed steadily up the ladder to win valuable 0-115 and 0-100 handicaps at York on his two latest starts.

The weights for today's race were framed before the second of those Knavesmire victories, in which he beat the useful Monastery, otherwise the handicapper would undoubtedly have set him a harder task here.

He has defied 9st 10lb three times and 10 stone once during this season's victory march so the 8st 6lb he carries today will seem a comparative featherweight.

Ray Cochrane has struck up an excellent understanding with Hard As Iron, winning four out of four together, but Mark Birch and George Duffield have also partnered the gelding successfully and Tompkins could hardly have acquired a better replacement for Cochrane than the champion jockey, Pat Eddery.

Luca Cumani saddles the first two in the ante-post betting, *Shellac and Splendid Career*, and choosing between the pair is hard enough in itself.

Shellac, whose dam Lacquer won the first leg of the autumn double in 1967, has been likened to Cumani's previous Cambridgeshire winners, Century City and Dallas, both three-year-olds with more than a touch of class.



Mark Tompkins: has Eddery for his Cambridgeshire hope

While Shellac's Doonside Cup victory undoubtedly proves he has the ability, this will be only his fifth race and his first experience of the hustle and bustle of handicap company.

Splendid Career, the mount of Lanfranco Dettori, has been on the go since April and has an admirably consistent record. He is marginally preferred to his stable companion but is held by Hard As Iron on a line through Monastery, who outpaced him in the closing stages of a valuable handicap at *Newbury two weeks ago*.

Red Paddy is a favourite of mine but his wins have all been over seven furlongs or a mile and there must be an element of doubt about him staying this *demanding nine furlongs. In* contrast, Hard As Iron has won over the trip four times and over 1¼ miles on five occasions.

Greater threats may come from versatile Irish top weight Elementary and Rambo's Hall, whose trainer Jeremy Glover won the race two years ago with Balthus. But Hard As Iron looks the one they all have to beat.

RAMBUSHKA looks best of a *sub-standard field* for the Cheveley Park Stud Sun Chariot Stakes. Barry Hills's lightly-raced Roberto filly beat Always On A Sunday in the Pretty Polly Stakes over today's course and distance in the spring, with subsequent dual Oaks winner Roseate Tern third, but lost the race in the stewards' room.

After disappointing in the Gold Seal Oaks, Rambushka returned to form with victory in Newcastle's *Virginia* Stakes, her first outing for three months. The *Manton* filly has plenty of room for further improvement.

The dual Ascot Gold Cup winner SADEEM, beaten at *long odds-on in the Goodwood* Cup by stable companion Mazzacano, can redeem his reputation in the Jockey Club Cup by beating the Doncaster Cup winner Weld and St Leger runner-up Sapience.

At Goodwood, SURE GOLD is fancied to return to winning ways in the Priory Park Stakes. Peter Walwyn's filly faces her simplest task since winning the William Hill Golden Spurs *Handicap at York in June*.

The National Hunt season begins to swing into top gear at Chepstow where SANTELLA BOBKES, fit from the Flat, can defy top weight in the *Timeform* Hurdle.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Hamilton Park, Warwick, Pontefract.
TUESDAY: Redcar, Warwick, Folkestone, **Newton Abbot**.
WEDNESDAY: York, Haydock Park, **Plumpton**.
THURSDAY: York, Haydock Park, **Wincanton**.
FRIDAY: Ascot, **Market Rasen**, **Carlisle**.
SATURDAY: Ascot, York, Ayr, **Bangor**.
National Hunt meetings in bold type

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Mahrah.
2.30 Silver Singing.
3.00 Rambushka.
3.35 HARD AS IRON (nap).
4.10 Sadeem.
4.40 Corrin Hill.
5.10 Pinctada.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Mahrah.
2.30 Roman Walk.
3.00 Pass The Peace.
3.35 HARD AS IRON (nap).
4.10 Weld.
4.40 Born To Swing.
5.10 Blade Of Grass.

By Michael Seely
3.0 Mamaluna. 3.35 SPLENDID CAREER (nap). 4.40 Silver Ore.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 HARD AS IRON.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft — **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 OH SO SHARP STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £8,025: 7f) (8 runners)

101 (1) 651143 FAIR TITANIA 24 (D,F) (C Fairbairn) M Bell 8-12 .... G Duffield 98
102 (2) 1114 ROYAL FI FI 14 (BF,F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 8-12 .... B Crossley 98
103 (3) ELEMIS (Cheveley Park Stud) B Hills 8-9 .... Pat Eddery —
104 (4) 1 FLOWER GIRL 63 (F) (W Gredley) H Thomson Jones 8-9 .... R Hills 93
105 (8) 2 MAHRAH 30 (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 .... L Dettori 96
106 (7) 004 MIA FILLIA 16 (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-9 .... W Ryan 84
107 (6) TESORA (Mrs S St. George) W Jarvis 8-9 .... B Raymond —
108 (5) 1 *VA TOUJOURS 42 (C,G) (L Westbury) H Collingridge 8-9* .... *M Rimmer* ● 99
BETTING: 7-4 Mahrah, 11-4 Flower Girl, 9-2 Fair Titania, 7-1 Royal Fi Fi, 10-1 Elemis, 16-1 Tesora, 20-1 Mia Fillia.
1988: ARSAAN 8-9 A Kimberley (12-1) M Stoute 6 ran

2.30 EBF ALINGTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,845: 6f) (16 runners) — C 4

201 (11) ANATROCCOLO (G Killoran) C Horgan 8-11 .... G Starkey —
202 (13) BREEZY MONARCH (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 .... K Fallon —
203 (15) COME ON ROSI (W Said) D Elsworth 8-11 .... G Duffield —
204 (10) COSMIC PRINCESS (B Young) M Jarvis 8-11 .... Paul Eddery —
205 (16) DARTING MOTH (Lady Durham) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 .... W Hood —
206 (6) DHABIHA (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 .... G Carter —
207 (12) INDIAN FASHION (G Peters) M Jarvis 8-11 .... J Quinn (3) —
208 (14) LASSIA (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 8-11 .... W Ryan —
209 (4) 0 REGINA ROYALE 14 (D Baigler) R Smyly 8-11 .... N Adams —
210 (1) 422 ROMAN WALK 42 (BF) (D Di Paolo) John FitzGerald 8-11 .... R Hills ● 99
211 (3) 3 SILVER SINGING 14 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11 .... J Matthias 95
212 (2) 05 SPARKLING NECTAR 44 (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-11 .... G Bardwell 85
213 (7) SPOOF (T Blackwell) W Jarvis 8-11 .... B Raymond —
214 (8) TOPASANNAH (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 .... Pat Eddery —
215 (9) VALCENA (A Boyd-Rochfort) W Jarvis 8-11 .... L Dettori —
216 (5) 006 ZIZANIA 74 (A Saeed) C Brittain 8-11 .... J Lowe 78
BETTING: 7-2 Silver Singing, 6-1 Topasannah, 7-1 Spoof, 8-1 Lassia, 9-1 Roman Walk, 10-1 Indian Fashion, 12-1 Anatroccolo, 16-1 Come On Rosi, Valcena, Cosmic Princess, 20-1 others.
1988: CHURCH LIGHT 8-11 B Raymond (16-1) M Jarvis 24 ran

FORM FOCUS ROMAN WALK led until inside final furlong finishing ¾l 2nd to Va Toujours in maiden here (6f, good). *DHABIHA* (foaled Mar 23) by Dunbeath out of a mare who finished runner-up three times over 1m 2f.
INDIAN FASHION (foaled May 14) by General Holme out of a useful performer over 9f. Is a half-sister to minor winners in the US and cost $16,000. LASSIA (foaled May 4) by Teenoso out of 1,000 Guineas 2nd Tolmi.
SILVER SINGING made encouraging debut at Newbury (6f, good to firm) when recovering from a slow start to finish 3¾l 3rd to Hebba with REGINA ROYALE 19th. SPOOF (Jan 20) by speedy Precocious out of a mare who won over 1m 2f. Is half-sister to several winners and fetched 28,000gns as a yearling.
TOPASANNAH (foaled Mar 7) by St Leger winner Commanche Run, is the first foal of the useful Irish sprinter Princess Tracy.
No Selection

3.0 CHEVELEY PARK STUD SUN CHARIOT STAKES (Group II: fillies: £32,670: 1m 2f) (9 runners) — C 4

301 (3) 1-24214 MAMALUNA 35 (CD,F,G,S) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 3-8-10 .... G Starkey 94
302 (4) 30-5100 ALWAYS ON A SUNDAY 98 (CD,G) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 3-8-7 .... R Hills 86
303 (5) 3-11541 BRAISWICK 63 (D,F,S) (White Lodge Stud) G Wragg 3-8-7 .... G Carter 98
304 (8) 2111-46 LIFE AT THE TOP 14 (C,F,G) (Mrs M Landi) A Stewart 3-8-7 .... B Raymond 90
305 (7) 3105 MARY GEE 71 (D,F) (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-8-7 .... W Ryan 88
306 (9) 11-1520 PASS THE PEACE 118 (C,F,G,S) (Capt B Bell) M Bell 3-8-7 .... G Duffield ● 99
307 (6) 21-201 RAMBUSHKA 40 (C,D,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-7 .... Pat Eddery 92
308 (1) 1-26430 TESSLA 55 (C,F) (C St. George) H Cecil 3-8-7 .... Paul Eddery 95
309 (2) 21214 TRIODE 30 (D,F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-7 .... L Dettori 90
BETTING: 3-1 Braiswick, 7-2 Rambushka, Mamaluna, 7-1 Tessla, Pass The Peace, 10-1 Triode, *16-1 Life At The Top, 33-1 Always On A Sunday*, 50-1 Mary Gee.
1988: INDIAN SKIMMER 4-9-6 M Roberts (40-85 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS MAMALUNA a good 2½l 4th to Carroll House in group I race at Phoenix Park (1m 2f, good); earlier had TESSLA (3lb better off) 2½l back in 3rd when a Goodwood winner (1m 2f, firm).
BRAISWICK game head winner from Pelorus at Haydock (1m 2f 130yd, good to firm). PASS THE PEACE has raced only once since finishing 1½l 2nd to Pearl Bracelet in French Guineas at Longchamp *in May* (1m, good to firm).
RAMBUSHKA ½l Newcastle winner from useful Sesame (1m 2f 40yd, good); earlier here in May she beat ALWAYS ON A SUNDAY (3lb worse off) nk when losing the race in the stewards' room. TESSLA, probably best at this trip, still creditable 5l *4th to top class Golden Opinion at Royal Ascot* (1m, firm). TRIODE was outpaced from 2f out when 3l 4th to Opening Verse at York (1m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: RAMBUSHKA*

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	77	324	23.8
M Naughton	4	18	22.2
L Cumani	45	262	17.2
G Harwood	29	218	13.3
W Jarvis	17	135	12.6
C Benstead	10	80	12.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	67	461	14.5
B Raymond	29	276	10.5
G Starkey	27	261	10.3

(Only qualifiers)
(Not including yesterday's results)

3.35 WILLIAM HILL CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (£61,932: 1m 1f) (34 runners) — C 4

401 (25) 213132 ELEMENTARY 41 (D,BF,F,G,S) (P Green) J Bolger (Ire) 6-9-11 .... W Supple (5) 98
402 (3) 1411 SHELLAC 17 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-9-1 (5ex) .... W Ryan 94
403 (9) 400310 FREQUENT FLYER 7 (F,G) (Crescent UK. Ltd) R Smyth 3-8-12 .... Paul Eddery 85
404 (24) 210004 OTTERGAYLE 14 (G,S) (Mrs L Wigram) P Walwyn 4-8-9 .... N Howe 93
405 (27) 11-0301 RED PADDY 28 (F,G) (R Dilley) P Makin 4-8-8 (5ex) .... B Raymond 95
406 (19) 0-35112 RAMBO'S HALL 17 (F,S) (B Dixon) J Glover 4-8-6 .... Dean McKeown 95
407 (7) 413401 MALEVICH 18 (F,S) (C St. George) H Cecil 3-8-6 .... G Starkey 88
408 (26) 101111 HARD AS IRON 31 (C,D,F,G) (M Wickens) M Tompkins 6-8-6 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
409 (1) 110512 SPLENDID CAREER 14 (BF,F,S) (J Mabee) L Cumani 3-8-5 (5ex) .... L Dettori 97
410 (33) 214501 JOVEWORTH 15 (F,G,S) (D Cooper) M O'Neill 6-8-4 (5ex) .... K Fallon 95
411 (28) 5-06230 DEFENCE POLICY 14 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-2 .... M Marshall (5) 94
412 (15) 200025 DAWN SUCCESS 14 (F,G) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 3-8-1 .... S Wood (5) 94
413 (2) 00-1300 MAHRAJAN 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs F Harris) C Benstead 5-8-1 .... C Rutter 86
414 (34) 61-2006 ST ELMO'S FIRE 9 (F,S) (Bylon Farmers Ltd) M Prescott 4-8-1 .... G Duffield 87
415 (6) 633100 WHITE SAPPHIRE 7 (D,F,S) (A Bottomley) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-0 .... J Carroll 90
416 (10) 4-41214 TURBINE BLADE 24 (F,S) (A Ali) Mrs L Piggott 4-7-13 (5ex) .... B Crossley 83
417 (8) 110240 DREAM OF FAME 35 (C,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 3-7-10 .... G Carter 90
418 (14) 441131 PARADOR 60 (D,F) (A Speelman) G Harwood 3-7-10 .... A Munro (3) 89
419 (20) 652203 RE-RELEASE 64 (V,BF,G) (J Ennis) M Pipe 4-7-9 .... J Lowe 91
420 (30) 200405 SINGLE 9 (F,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 7-7-9 .... D McKay 95
421 (31) 0-25160 ATHENS GATE 45 (D,F) (R Sangster) J Watts 5-7-9 .... G Bardwell 94
422 (12) 1-30 AZEB 54 (F) (R Brazier) R Stubbs 3-7-9 .... A Mackay 94
423 (18) 201311 *SUMMER FASHION 44 (F,G,S) (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 4-7-8* .... S Dawson 94
424 (5) 11-5100 SUTOSKY 131 (C,F,G,S) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 5-7-8 .... J Quinn (3) 88
425 (32) 0-61113 BLUE ORCA 39 (BF,F) (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-7-8 .... R Hills 89
426 (22) D60502 NORTHERN PRINTER 9 (F,G) (Oaktree Bloodstock Ltd) M O'Neill 4-7-8 J Fortune (5) 92
427 (23) 00-4606 BIRSTWITH 84 (S) (D Aykroyd) C Elsey 4-7-7 .... P Burke 92
428 (17) 141510 POSITIVE ATTITUDE 14 (B,BF,F,G,S) (K Mercer) M Bell 4-7-7 (5ex) .... T Williams 91
429 (21) 353116 YOU MISSED ME 54 (F) (F Ward) D Arbuthnot 3-7-7 .... N Adams 86
430 (16) 211115 FENJAAN 15 (F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-7-7 .... D Biggs (7) 83
431 (13) 430200 DARING TIMES 45 (F) (Capt. M Lemos) C Brittain 4-7-7 .... B Doyle (7) 80
432 (29) 105482 LOTS OF LUCK 22 (F) (R Patrick) J Pearce 6-7-7 .... G Hind (5) 84
433 (11) 000208 BANANA CUFFLINKS 7 (V) (Mrs J Getty Phillips) J Shaw 3-7-7 .... F Norton (7) 85
434 (4) 041504 FINAL SOUND 47 (D,S) (J-Tec Shoes Ltd) P Feilden 4-7-7 .... L Newton (7) 84
Long handicap: Positive Attitude 7-6, You Missed Me 7-1, Fenjaan 6-13, Daring Times 6-12, Lots Of Luck 6-12, Banana Cufflinks 6-1, Final Sound 5-8.
BETTING: 7-1 Shellac, *8-1 Splendid Career, 9-1 Blue Orca, Red Paddy, 10-1 Hard As Iron*, 14-1 Malevich, Parador, 16-1 Elementary, 20-1 Ottergayle, 25-1 Defence Policy, Fenjaan, Positive Attitude, Rambo's Hall, 33-1 others.
1988: QUINLAN TERRY 3-8-5 G Duffield (11-1) M Prescott 29 ran

FORM FOCUS SHELLAC handled but did not like the ground when 8l Ayr winner over Sudden Victory (1m *2f, soft). RED PADDY came late to beat DAWN* SUCCESS (5lb better off) nk at Sandown, LOTS OF LUCK (4lb worse off) 5l 6th and MAHRAJAN (6lb better off) nk 7th.
RAMBO'S HALL beat TURBINE BLADE (4lb worse off) nk at Haydock penultimate start (1m 2f 130yd, good to firm). MALEVICH steps up in distance following a ½l Leicester defeat of Momtaaz (1m, good to firm).
HARD AS IRON has won six of seven starts this season, latest by 2l from Monastery at York (1m 1f, good to firm). SPLENDID CAREER made much of the running when 1½l 2nd to Monastery at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm) with OTTERGAYLE (same terms) came late to take 4th beaten another 3¾l, on first outing for 3 months. DEFENCE POLICY (same terms) was never nearer 7th and MAHRAJAN (same terms) 11th.
SUMMER FASHION is rated just 6lb higher after a 2½l Salisbury winner over Nestfoot in August (1m 2f, good to firm) and may have more improvement in her. POSITIVE ATTITUDE awarded race at Haydock last month with LOTS OF LUCK (3lb worse off) 2l away 4th, JOVEWORTH (1lb better off) hd 5th, DREAM OF FAME (6lb better off) 2 nks 7th, NORTHERN PRINTER (6lb better off) ¾l 8th and ST ELMO'S FIRE (6lb better off) 9th.
Selection: SUMMER FASHION (nap)

4.10 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (Group III: £25,914: 2m) (4 runners) — C 4

501 (1) 210-112 SADEEM 72 (C,D,BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 6-9-7 .... G Starkey 98
502 (3) 34-0222 SERGEYEVICH 84 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs D Riley-Smith) J Dunlop 5-9-5 .... Pat Eddery 89
503 (4) 0-41111 WELD 23 (C,D,F,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 3-8-7 .... B Raymond 91
504 (2) 10-2012 SAPIENCE 14 (F,G) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-4 .... K Fallon ● 99
BETTING: 6-4 Weld, 2-1 Sapience, 5-2 Sadeem, 8-1 Sergeyevich.
1988: KNELLER 3-8-7 Pat Eddery (4-6 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS SADEEM best judged on 8l defeat of Mazzacano (2m 4f, firm) in the Ascot Gold Cup; latest beaten a nk by Mazzacano (rec 7lb) at Goodwood (2m 5f). SERGEYEVICH ¾l 2nd to subsequent Irish Leger 2nd Tyrone Bridge at the Curragh in July (1m 6f, good).
WELD was an easy 5l Doncaster Cup winner over Thethingaboutitis (2m 2f, good). SAPIENCE ran the race of his life when 8l 2nd to Michelozzo in the St Leger (1m 6f 127y, soft).
Selection: SADEEM

4.40 MANNS AND NORWICH BREWERY CARLSBERG TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £12,720: 6f) (14 runners) — C 4

601 (9) 411033 BRISAS 14 (B,F,G) (B Cann) T Fairhurst 9-7 .... Dean McKeown 93
602 (2) 122164 BORN TO SWING 32 (D,F) (K Fischer) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 97
603 (5) 116 ANKARA'S PRINCESS 16 (F) (J Graham) S Norton 8-12 .... Paul Eddery 86
604 (12) 13 SALTESSA 96 (D,BF,F) (Mrs L Webb) B Hanbury 8-10 .... B Raymond 83
605 (14) 1 SILVER ORE 82 (D,F) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 8-10 .... *L Dettori* 94
606 (10) 530011 MILNE'S WAY 53 (D,F) (M Jameson) G Lewis 8-3 .... J Fortune (5) 93
607 (4) 231002 CORRIN HILL 9 (B,D,F) (R Carvill) N Callaghan 8-2 .... G Hind (5) ● 99
608 (8) 101 STONEYTHORPEWONDER 26 (S) (R Thornhill) P Blockley 8-1 .... K Fallon 97
609 (7) 004 EMERALD MOON 42 (Mrs C Painting) R Hollinshead 8-1 .... A Culhane 91
610 (11) 002 GO DUTCH 18 (R Lorenz) R Smyly 7-12 .... N Adams 95
611 (3) 464212 QUALITAIR DREAM 36 (CD,BF,G) (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 7-10 .... A Mackay 97
612 (1) 40020 ROUSKI 38 (D Waller) J Payne 7-8 .... J Quinn (3) 97
613 (6) 2216 RAMBADALE 64 (D,F) (M Sinclair) M Tompkins 7-7 .... T Williams 95
614 (13) 341100 DAISY WHEEL 12 (D,BF,F) (T Charlton) A Hide 7-7 .... J Lowe 98
Long handicap: Daisy Wheel 7-6.
BETTING: 9-2 Milne's Way, 7-1 Go Dutch, 8-1 Brisas, 9-1 Qualitair Dream, Corrin Hill, Stoneythorpewonder, 10-1 Silver Ore, 12-1 Born To Swing, 16-1 Saltessa, 20-1 others.
1988: AMIGO MENOR 8-10 C Rutter (10-1) K Brassey 13 ran

FORM FOCUS BRISAS unable to quicken inside final furlong in Newbury nursery (5f, good to firm) finishing ¾l 3rd to Rivers Rhapsody. BORN TO SWING weakened below distance to finish 4½l 4th to Tod at Pontefract (6f, good to firm).
ANKARA'S PRINCESS beat Granilton Bay sh hd on penultimate start in Chester nursery (5f, good to firm); latest had a stiff task in listed event at Ayr (5f, soft) when 7l 6th to Mademoiselle Chloe.
SILVER ORE led inside final furlong to defeat Native Twine 1l on debut at Windsor (6f, good to firm). MILNE'S WAY beat Daawi 1½l in Bath nursery (5f 167yd firm) previously driven out to defeat ROUSKI (16lb better off) 2l with CORRIN HILL 5th in Windsor nursery (6f, good to firm).
EMERALD MOON 7¾l 4th to Va Toujours in maiden here (6f, good). QUALITAIR DREAM headed close *home in Haydock nursery (6f, good to soft) finishing* nk 2nd to Platonique.
Selection: QUALITAIR DREAM

5.10 CHOKE JADE HANDICAP (£4,987: 7f) (26 runners)

1 (24) 10530-0 SPANISH PINE 42 (S) (Potterton Ltd) B Hanbury 4-10-0 .... R Smith (7) 86
2 (14) 2610/04- BRILLIANT BAY 148J (S) (Lambourn Racing Ltd) M Usher 4-9-9 .... M Marshall (5) —
3 (6) 4506-03 GRAND BLUSH 23 (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 3-9-5 .... Paul Eddery 84
4 (10) 042063 PINCTADA 15 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Derby) R Simpson 7-9-3 .... W Ryan 92
5 (1) 614060 TOLO 7 (F) (Capt. M Lemos) C Brittain 4-8-12 .... B Raymond 95
6 (23) 424/40-0 INSPIRATION 112 (M Jaye) R Williams 4-8-12 .... R Hills 84
7 (17) 3-52410 PITSEA 58 (F) (D Cock) R Hannon 3-8-11 .... Pat Eddery 89
8 (12) 131060 *MEL'S ROSE 45 (D,F,G) (R Sebey) G Huffer 4-8-9* .... L Newton (7) 91
9 (25) 610-000 ODILESE 16 (F,S) (T Warner) M Jarvis 4-8-8 .... Dean McKeown 92
10 (11) 0-65006 LITTLE DOUGLAS 25 (D,F,G) (M Bell) M Bell 4-8-7 .... G Duffield 94
11 (26) 2610 BLADE OF GRASS 18 (D,G) (Snailwell Stud Co Ltd) A Stewart 3-8-7 .... L Dettori 97
12 (20) 045453 AFRICAN SPIRIT 61 (C,F,G,S) (G Tufts) R Whitaker 5-8-5 .... J Lowe 89
13 (22) 510000 SAY YOU WILL 7 (V,C,D,F) (G Noble) M Naughton 5-8-2 .... K Fallon ● 99
14 (2) 340001 SWING LUCKY 14 (B,S) (Mrs L Ward) K Ivory 4-7-13 .... N Kennedy (7) 94
15 (7) 034020 TOBERMORY BOY 7 (F,G) (Mrs R Watson) R Whitaker 12-7-12 .... A Munro (3) 94
16 (8) 333000 ASSAAB 26 (F) (J Rembiancai) W Musson 4-7-10 .... J Quinn (3) 93
17 (19) 140101 LA BELLE VIE 25 (F,G) (R Lawson) D Wilson 3-7-9 .... G Carter 91
18 (16) 510536 KAWWAS 23 (BF,F) (Whiting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 4-7-9 .... D McKay 94
19 (9) 140000 TAUBER 30 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 5-7-7 .... F Norton (7) 97
20 (5) 020005 BRUTUS 7 (F,G) (R Wilkinson) Miss L Siddall 5-7-7 .... — 92
21 (13) 260500- ELEGANT STRANGER 194J (D,G) (B Betts) M Tompkins 4-7-7 .... T Williams 83
22 (18) 406530 HENRY WILL 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (G Leggott) T Fairhurst 5-7-7 .... — 81
23 (15) 002600 MAIDEN BIDDER 8 (D,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 7-7-7 .... G Bardwell 86
24 (21) 010064 NIKLAS ANGEL 51 (B,D,F,G) (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 3-7-7 .... A Mackay 89
25 (3) 00040/0- READY WIT 362 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Tennant) R Hannon 8-7-7 .... N Adams —
26 (4) 053651 LONG BAY 37 (D,F,G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 7-7-7 .... R Granger (7) 66
Long handicap: Brutus 7-3, Elegant Stranger 7-2, Henry Will 7-2, Maiden Bidder 7-1, Niklas Angel 7-0, Ready Wit 6-11, Long Bay 5-8.
BETTING: 4-1 Blade Of Grass, 5-1 Swing Lucky, 6-1 La Belle Vie, 7-1 Pinctada, African Spirit, 10-1 Pitsea, *14-1 Grand Blush*, 16-1 Tobermory Boy, 20-1 others.
1988: BRIZLINCOTE 3-8-11 Paul Eddery (2-1 fav) G Wragg 8 ran

Ile De Nisky flounders

There was a surprise in the Fountain Stakes at Goodwood yesterday, when the odds-on Ile De Nisky failed to beat Monastery.

Ile de Nisky, fourth in the Epsom Derby and third in the Irish, seemed to *be going well enough until Susan* Piggott's Monastery came to challenge 1½ furlongs out.

When Pat Eddery asked the 5-2 on chance to quicken he got no response and Monastery, taking a step up in class here, went on strongly under Ray Cochrane to score by a length.

Geoff Huffer, however, said Ile de Nisky would still go for the Champion Stakes later in the month. "I think he found the ground a bit dead and I'm pleased we got a run in him. Considering he was turned out for six weeks he kept on well."

As for the 5-1 winner, Monastery has shown good handicap form chasing home Cambridgeshire hope Hard As Iron before beating Splendid Career.

Travelling head lad Malcolm East reported: "He's improving all the time *and has plenty of heart.*" *Future plans* however are not known.

GOODWOOD

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Storm Force. 2.45 Patience Creek. 3.15 Sure Gold. 3.50 Oh So Risky. 4.20 Drumhead. 4.55 Ala Wing. 5.25 Slipperose.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 False Start. 2.45 Majestic Ace. 3.15 Alo Ez. 3.50 Lurking. 4.20 Brabazon. 4.55 Ala Wing. 5.25 Jacomino.

Going: good — **Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best**

2.15 GEORGE TODD APPRENTICES CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap: £3,834: 1m 2f) (20 runners)

1 1111 STORM FORCE 54 (D,F) R Akehurst 5-9-13 .... J Leech (10) 8
2 125- GILD THE LILY 446 (S) M Madgwick 4-9-13 .... C Avery (5) 14
3 2534 ELENOS 60 G Harwood 3-9-7 .... D Stather (10) 9
4 2113 KNOCK KNOCK 22 (D,BF,F) I Balding 4-9-7 .... F Arrowsmith (10) 5
5 0-00 FAIRWAY ROYALE 119 P Makin 4-8-6 T Sprake (10) 11
6 0-60 DIRECTORS' CHOICE 84 (F) W Carter 4-8-12 J Swift (7) 7
7 2311 FALSE START 85 (D,F) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-11 .... Dale Gibson (5) 3
8 1580 ROLFESON 12 (F,G) B Morgan 5-8-6 .... C Hodgson (5) 1
9 2661 STEEL CYGNET 112 (C,D,F,G,S) G Enright 6-8-2 .... G O'Neill (7) 13
10 5-45 SALMON PRINCE 22 Miss B Sanders 3-8-1 .... Dana Mellor (5) 12
11 5065 FOREST FAWN 19 C Wildman 4-7-11 .... Ron Hillis 17
12 2040 CHILDREN'S JOIE 80 D Arbuthnot 3-7-8 .... P Rossey (12) 10
13 /65- PANEL GAME 194J P Butler 5-7-7 .... A Tucker (5) 20
14 0000 HAZY DANCER 33 (F,G) M Brittain 3-7-7 .... S Maloney (10) 18
15 4530 STARRLYN 28 S Dow 3-7-7 .... N Gwilliams (3) 6
16 6-40 XYLOPHONE 152 (F,S) Miss L Bower 7-7-7 .... D D'Arcy (5) 19
17 00/ MAN IN THE MOON 509J Miss L Bower 6-7-7 .... B Lane (5) 4
18 2080 BLUE DISC 70 J Jenkins 4-7-7 .... P Morris (12) 16
19 0-00 WISE TIMES 58 D Elsworth 5-7-7 .... J Hunter (10) 2
20 6066 ANQUETIL 21 C Holmes 3-7-7 .... R Price (5) 15
7-2 False Start, 9-2 Rolfeson, 6-1 Knock Knock, 15-2 Storm Force, 8-1 Gild The Lily, 10-1 Children's Joie.

2.45 POLAND INSURANCE BROKERS STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,305: 1m) (9)

1 4134 MAJESTIC ACE 68 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 9-7 .... N Carlisle 5
2 260 GUIDOBALDO 149 S Dow 8-12 .... T McKeown 9
3 3110 ROBERT DEAR 10 (CD,F) P Cole 8-11 .... S Whitworth 8
4 0061 LUCKY FLINDERS 16 (F) P Makin 8-5 .... T Sprake (7) 1
5 0-09 BROWN PEPPER 92 R Akehurst 8-5 .... N Day 3
6 6-50 BY FAR 54 D Elsworth 8-4 .... J Hunter (7) 2
7 6305 SHARP THISTLE 14 (F) W Musson 8-3 .... P Bloomfield 4
8 5262 CARINA BELLE 21 (F) I Balding 8-3 .... S O'Gorman (5) 6
9 5021 PATIENCE CREEK 21 (CD,S) C Wildman 8-1 .... Dale Gibson (5) 7
9-4 Lucky Flinders, 3-1 Sharp Thistle, 9-2 Patience Creek, 5-1 Majestic Ace, 7-1 Carina Belle, 10-1 Brown Pepper.

3.15 PRIORY PARK STAKES (Mares & fillies: £5,482: 6f) (5)

1 1051 ALO EZ 43 (D,F,S) J Pearce 3-8-1 .... Dale Gibson (5) 5
2 000 MY MOTHER'S EYES 47 C Austin 4-8-13 .... K Darley 3
3 -030 STOP DAY 146 (D,G) J Dunlop 4-8-13 .... B Rouse 4
4 1435 SURE GOLD 56 (D,F) P Walwyn 3-8-13 .... R Curant 2
5 0062 YOUNG TEARAWAY 1 (D,G) R Boss 4-8-13 .... E Guest 1
7-4 *Young Tearaway, 9-4 Sure Gold, 7-2 Alo Ez*, 8-1 Stop Day, 14-1 My Mother's Eyes.

3.50 AJAX ENGINEERING INSURANCE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,467: 7f) (20)

1 23 ENTERPRISE LADY 114 (BF) P Makin 9-2 T Sparke (7) 3
2 0 BALZAON KNIGHT 14 P Makin 9-1 .... N Carlisle 4
3 6 MEKA 18 R Boss 9-1 .... E Guest 12
4 3 OH SO RISKY 42 D Elsworth 9-1 .... J Williams 14
5 PATH OF CONDIE B Hills 9-1 .... R Cacrant 7
6 2656 SINGING DETECTIVE 64 M Brittain 9-1 .... S Maloney (7) 10
7 0 WELL FURNISHED 123 (BF) A Scott 9-1 .... N Day 6
8 0 ZEPHYR NIGHTS 24 I Campbell 9-1 .... P Bratte (7) 1
9 TAUVALERA W Jarvis 8-13 .... M Tebbutt (7) 15
10 CAPTAIN FAWLEY W Musson 8-12 .... B Rouse 11
11 0550 MUSCAT 12 (B,BF) M Jarvis 8-12 .... K Darley 5
12 36 STORM JIB 18 J Dunlop 8-12 .... S Whitworth 19
13 84 LURKING 19 W Hastings-Bass 8-10 .... Dale Gibson (5) 18
14 ARAGANT MAN B Stevens 8-9 .... P Bloomfield 16
15 KIND A LUCKY N Mitchell 8-9 .... P D'Arcy 8
16 MEXICAN VISION Mrs L Piggott 8-9 .... A Clark 13
17 OMORSI M Fetherston-Godley 8-7 .... S O'Gorman (5) 2
18 PLAYTHING A Stewart 8-7 .... C Dwyer 5
19 PRINCESS LUCY P Cole 8-7 .... A McGlone 17
20 BUBULINA Miss A Whitfield 8-4 .... J Carter 20
5-2 Oh So Risky, 7-2 Lurking, 5-1 Plaything, 13-2 Storm Jib, 8-1 Path Of Condie, 10-1 Princess Lucy, 12-1 Singing Detective.

4.20 ISLE OF WIGHT STAKES (£3,260: 2m 3f) (9)

1 84 *BRABAZON 32 (S) M Tompkins 4-9-11* .... Dale Gibson (5) 7
2 -600 PATROCLUS 10 (S) R Voorspuy 4-9-3 .... S Whitworth 5
3 3331 NOBLE SAVAGE 29 (F) G Harwood 3-9-2 .... A Clark 8
4 0 DISTANT RELATION 7J K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-0 .... N Day 2
5 544- SMART SLAVE 159J Miss L Bower 6-9-0 A McGlone 3
6 315/ MRS PEOPLEATER 163J (S) P Howling 6-8-11 .... J Williams 1
7 0621 DRUMHEAD 17 (S) P Walwyn 3-8-8 .... R Curant 6
8 1163 ECRAN 23 (F) J Dunlop 3-8-8 .... B Rouse 9
9 5056 ANDROBOTE 82 R Curtis 3-8-3 .... — 4
13-8 Noble Savage, 9-4 Drumhead, 5-1 Ecran, 7-1 Brabazon, 10-1 Androbote, 14-1 Mrs Peopleater, 16-1 others.

4.55 SOLENT MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,805: 6f) (21)

1 560 HEAD GROOM 19 J Bethell 8-13 .... S Whitworth 18
2 60 ASHDREN 11 A Robson 8-11 .... — 15
3 5 REASONABLE KID 65 R Boss 8-11 .... E Guest 14
4 WELLSY LAD (B) W O'Gorman 8-11 .... — 5
5 333 WOODSIDE HEATH 65 R Hannon 8-11 R Perham (7) 3
6 STRAT'S LEGACY D Arbuthnot 8-10 .... J Carter 13
7 202 COMEDY RIVER 11 (BF) J Spearing 8-8 .... — 7
8 005 JOVIAL KATE 5 M Usher 8-8 .... B Rouse 21
9 00 WOODCOCK WONDER 16 J Jenkins 8-7 T McKeown 16
10 KILIFI A Scott 8-6 .... N Day 1
11 460 FAME AND FORUM 42 (B) J Sutcliffe 8-4 .... A Clark 9
12 4434 INTUITIVE JOE 16 (BF) G Lewis 8-2 .... M Fry 12
13 3 ALA WING 23 W Haggas 8-1 .... K Darley 20
14 3650 APPAREL 8 M Brittain 8-1 .... S Maloney (7) 4
15 5460 ABSOLUTE MADNESS 28 (B) M Fetherston-Godley 8-0 S O'Gorman (5) 2
16 4360 ARABIAN NYMPH 28 J Berry 7-13 .... — 11
17 9 MARTINSTAR 23 M Fetherston-Godley 7-13 .... Dale Gibson (5) 8
18 463 MASELLA 26 J Hills 7-13 .... A McGlone 17
19 DANCING DAFFODIL (B) M Bell 7-11 .... R Price (7) 6
20 6 STILVELLA 94 S Dow 7-11 .... N Gwilliams (5) 19
21 060 HOT HOPE 116 J Bridger 7-10 .... N Carlisle 10
11-4 Ala Wing, 7-2 Comedy River, 5-1 Wellsy Lad, 13-2 Reasonable Kid, 8-1 Fame And Forum, Dancing Daffodil.

5.25 EBF HAT HILL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,637: 6f) (9)

1 633 ATLANTIC CLEAR 18 B Palling 9-0 .... K Darley 8
2 CHILIPOUR G Lewis 9-0 .... Dale Gibson (5) 3
3 000 ERIC'S PET 25 M Usher 9-0 .... J Carter 7
4 03 JACOMINO 12 I Matthews 9-0 .... A McGlone 6
5 0 *KHULM 14 L Holt 9-0* .... S Whitworth 9
6 52 SHARP N' EASY 19 (BF) R Hannon 8-9 .... B Rouse 2
7 6 SLIPPEROSE 22 J Hills 8-9 .... A Clark 5
8 24 TAULELA 101 (BF) D Elsworth 8-9 .... J Williams 4
9 00 USAYLAH 19 J Dunlop 8-9 .... N Day 1
9-4 Slipperose, 11-4 Taulela, 9-2 Jacomino, 11-2 Atlantic Clear, 8-1 Chilipour, 10-1 Khulm, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 8 winners from 27 runners, 29.6%; J Berry, 5 from 17, 29.4%; G Harwood, 48 from 160, 28.6%; J Jenkins, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J Hills, 6 from 27, 22.2%; W Jarvis, 5 from 23, 21.7%.
JOCKEYS: No qualifiers
(Not including yesterday's results)

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 3.50 Muscat. 4.55 Wellsy Lad, Fame And Forum, Dancing Daffodil.

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Clopton. 2.30 Assaglawi. 3.0 London Windows. 3.30 Vicars Landing. 4.0 Ikdam. 4.30 Vaguely Artistic. 5.0 Tee Qu.

Going: good to firm

2.0 RUSHWICK SELLING HURDLE (£1,646: 2m) (15 runners)

1 P5-1 SEA SHADOW 10 (B,D,F) E Wheeler 4-11-5 .... J White
2 036- PADDY WILL 141 (B,D,S) F Jordan 5-11-2 .... D Wilkinson
3 0-24 VALVERDE 45 (S) A Barrow 5-11-2 .... S Earle
4 43/4 ALEXA'S BOY 39 T Hallett 5-11-0 .... P Richards
5 5-12 CLOPTON 26 (D,F) G Hubbard 6-11-0 .... B Murphy (7)
6 P28- LATERAL 141 J Bradley 5-11-0 .... G Davies
7 -642 NOBLE BID 7 (B) Miss S Wilton 5-11-0 .... G McCourt
8 O K KID 909F W G M Turner 4-10-12 .... H Davies
9 40 OLYMPUS REEF 28 J Colston 4-10-12 .... C Smith
10 3 VICTORY WIND 19F G Price 4-10-12 .... J Brown (7)
11 -224 WILLIE MCGARR 29 B Palling 4-10-12 .... C Evans
12 F5/0 FAIR MINSTREL 28F R Dickin 5-10-8 .... C Llewellyn
13 00P- CRUMBS OF COMFORT 270 Miss J Thorne 4-10-7 .... N Dawe
14 P-6 DANCING EYES 9 M Pipe 4-10-7 .... D Richmond (7)
15 -021 FLY THE WIND 17 (BF) F Hollis 4-10-7 .... P Scudamore
3-1 Fly The Wind, 7-2 Sea Shadow, 4-1 Noble Bid, 11-2 Clopton, 8-1 Paddy Will, 10-1 Willie McGarr, 14-1 Valverde.

2.30 TEME NOVICES CHASE (£2,156: 3m) (6)

1 50-2 ASSAGLAWI 15 (F,G) Miss H Knight 7-11-5 .... P Scudamore
2 3/12 JANEYS DELIGHT 18 (D,F) Miss S Wilton 8-11-5 .... G McCourt
3 F/4 MAJOR THORN 21 P Anderson 10-11-5 .... —
4 MR MACGROO G Balding 9-11-5 .... S Hodgson (7)
5 000- SUNSET VINE 159 A J Wilson 8-11-5 .... H Davies
6 00/4- VANASHING TANNER 340 S Pike 9-11-5 .... Mr A Walter
4-6 Assaglawi, 5-2 Janeys Delight, 8-1 Major Thorn, 12-1 Vanishing Tanner, 14-1 others.

3.0 FLYAWAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,616: 2m) (15)

1 21-3 MURPHY 21 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 5-11-10 .... J Osborne
2 140- CANTORIAL 172 (G,S) C Popham 8-11-0 I Lawrence (5)
3 326- NOBLE EYRE 159 (B,D,S) D Gandolfo 5-10-8 .... —
4 645- RECOLLECT 143 (D,F) Miss J Thorne 7-10-4 .... N Dawe
5 60-0 RED TIMBER 35 (D,F) D Nicholson 5-10-2 .... D Bridgwater (7)
6 440- KIND'A SMART 194 K Morgan 4-10-0 .... H Davies
7 3/32 HOT GIRL 14 K Bishop 7-10-0 .... S Earle
8 34F-4 LONDON WINDOWS 40 D Thom 7-10-0 .... C Llewellyn
9 006- WHAT'S A GUINEA 163 (G,S) S Davis 5-10-0 .... Peter Hobbs
10 30-0 MARINER'S LAD 15 (B,D,S) A James 7-10-0 .... E Tierney (7)
11 6P0- EJREE 198 R Brazington 4-10-0 .... R Beggan
12 0/00- CAMDORE BOY 152 (CD,F) J Bradley 9-10-0 .... —
13 3-66 SOLO PLAYER 14 L Codd 6-10-0 .... J O'Hanlon (7)
14 22/ CLASSY BIRD 532 D Gandolfo 5-10-0 .... D Meade (7)
15 000/ HABANNE 581 P Anderson 9-10-0 .... —
4-1 Murphy, 9-2 Hot Girl, 5-1 Recollect, 6-1 Cantorial, 8-1 Red Timber, 10-1 Noble Eyre, 12-1 Kind'A Smart.

3.30 ASTON VILLA HANDICAP CHASE (£2,862: 2m 4f) (4)

1 31U- VICARS LANDING 171 (CD,F,G) O Sherwood 6-12-0 .... J Osborne
2 5-12 MAJOR MATCH 29 (D,BF,F,G,S) T Forster 7-10-5 .... C Llewellyn
3 122- GREY TORNADO 141 (CD,F) C Popham 8-10-2 B Powell
4 21-1 JOHN O'DEE 40 (F,S) G Hubbard 5-10-0 .... C Bowens (3)
5-4 Major Match, 2-1 Vicars Landing, 3-1 John O' Dee, 4-1 Grey Tornado.

4.0 INKBERROW HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,259: 2m 4f) (3)

1 414- IKDAM 9F (D,S) R Holder 11-3 .... N Coleman
2 3345 MARTINSMOON 7 (F) W G M Turner 10-12 .... H Davies
3 040- SIBTON ABBEY 175 G Hubbard 10-10 .... C Bowens (3)
1-10 Ikdam, 6-1 Martinsmoon, 20-1 Sibton Abbey.

4.30 THREE COUNTIES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,280: 2m) (4)

1 51-2 BROCHE 14 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-10 .... R Bellamy
2 1U-3 TUMBLE JIM 70 (D,F,G) T Cunningham 10-11-8 .... S Cunningham
3 5113 CASH CRISIS 38 (CD,F) A Barrow 9-11-5 .... W Irvine
4 6-12 VAGUELY ARTISTIC 22 (B,D,BF,F,S) G Hubbard 7-11-3 B Murphy (7)
11-8 Cash Crisis, 9-4 Tumble Jim, 4-1 Broche, 5-1 Vaguely Artistic.

5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,646: 2m) (15)

1 ALIDAN M Wilkinson 5-11-7 .... P Verling (3)
2 CORBITT'S DIAMOND B Ellison 5-11-7 .... D Byrne (3)
3 MR ROBINSON Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-7 .... —
4 SEE YOU BOY C Popham 6-11-7 .... S Murphy (7)
5 STRAIGHT BRANDY D Nicholson 6-11-7. R Bellamy (7)
6 VERY CHEERING J Turner 6-11-7 .... Mr S Brookshaw
7 WHETCOMBE DEE-CEE T Hallett 5-11-7. S Mackey (7)
8 35- CAPTAIN MANNERING 131 L Codd 4-11-5 .... C Williams (7)
9 DEEP DARK DAWN J Upson 4-11-5 .... —
10 GARRY PIERRO D Gandolfo 4-11-5 .... D Meade (7)
11 RIDDLEMEROO J Colston 4-11-5 .... Miss D Smith (7)
12 55 STATIONERS DREAM 21 J Roberts 4-11-5 .... S Turner
13 4- TEE QU 182 J King 4-11-5 .... T Berry (7)
14 6- SAPPHIRE FLIGHT 189 R Eckley 4-11-0 I Lawrence (5)
15 8- UPHAM VIEW 242 D Gandolfo 4-11-0 .... D Gallagher (3)
7-2 Sapphire Flight, 4-1 Tee Qu, 9-2 Captain Mannering, 5-1 Straight Brandy, 13-2 Stationers Dream, 8-1 Alidan.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 19 winners from 51 runners, 37.3%; R Holder, 22 from 79, 27.8%; M Pipe, 29 from 110, 26.4%; T Forster, 16 from 90, 17.8%; D Nicholson, 16 from 93, 17.2%; J Roberts, 4 from 25, 16.0%.
JOCKEYS: I Lawrence, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; N Coleman, 14 from 68, 20.6%; P Scudamore, 39 from 194, 20.1%; W Irvine, 6 from 38, 15.8%; G McCourt, 15 from 109, 13.8%; P Richards, 6 from 48, 12.5%.

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Folk Dance.
2.35 The Langholm Dyer.
3.10 Santella Bobkes.
3.40 Bronze Final.
4.10 Market Leader.
4.40 Tommys Dream.

Going: good; back straight, good to firm

2.00 SOUTH WALES SHOWER AQUALISA HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,318: 3m) (9 runners) — BBC 1

1 222635- FOLK DANCE 3F (V,G,S) (British Thoroughbred R&B) G Balding 7-12-0 .... — 94
2 133453- SOONER STILL 184 (F,S) (J Smith) J Edwards 5-10-13 .... D Tegg ● 99
3 531361- WHISKEY GRAIN 151 (CD,F,G,S) (N Coulson-Stevens) G Ham 7-10-0 .... B Powell 89
4 14P26-5 YOOHOO NAN 21 (F) (B Lewis) R Lee 6-10-0 .... B Dowling 92
5 4P0230- SEA FLOWER 163 (F) (M Denton) D Barons 7-10-0 .... N Hawke (3) 98
6 /P144/1- NOTTA POPSI 40F (F) (M Lilley) J Spearing 6-10-0 .... A Webb —
7 F3P/610- GROVELANDS 283 (S) (P Smith) R Curtis 7-10-0 .... R Goldstein 82
8 1/22/P0- LEVANTINE ROSE 130 (F) (Mrs D Jenks) M Pipe 9-10-0 .... M Foster (7) —
9 61P0P-2 ON HIS OWN 14 (G) (Whitcombe Manor Stables) N Mitchell 6-10-0 .... D Skyrme 74
Long handicap: Whiskey Grain 9-4, Yahoo Nan 9-4, Sea Flower 9-3, Notta Popsi 8-9, Grovelands 8-7, Levantine Rose 8-2, On His Own 7-13.
BETTING: 2-1 Sooner Still, 3-1 Folk Dance, 5-1 Sea Flower, 8-1 Grovelands, 12-1 On His Own, 14-1 Whiskey Grain, 16-1 others.
1988: PRINCE KLENK 7-11-2 Miss Z Davison (7-1) A Davison 10 ran

FORM FOCUS FOLK DANCE showed progressive form last season. On penultimate start in a Newbury handicap (2m 5f, good) finished 1¼l 3rd to Henry Mann. Fair 3rd to Rosen in flat handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f) on Wednesday.
SOONER STILL in fine form back-end of last season, finishing 5th of 27 to Rogers Princess in a Cheltenham handicap (3m 1f, soft) in March and 8l 3rd of 17 to Slalom in a handicap at Liverpool (3m 1f, soft) the following month. WHISKEY GRAIN won a *handicap over course and distance (firm) on final* start last season, beating Freeracer 4l.
YOOHOO NAN behind most of way on seasonal debut in Warwick handicap (2m 5f, firm), finishing 17¾l 5th to Milford Quay. Fair form in novice races last season, finishing 1½l 2nd of 17 to Couture Stockings at Bangor (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. SEA FLOWER gave best performance last *season in a Wincanton handicap (2m 6f, soft)* in March, finishing 8l 2nd of 16 to Popeswood.
Selection: SOONER STILL

2.35 MERCEDES BENZ HANDICAP CHASE (£4,308: 3m) (7 runners) — BBC 1

1 P/2155F- MIDNIGHT MADNESS 278 (CD,F,G,S) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 11-12-0. R Greene (7) 95
2 21U401- *SEAGRAM 156 (D,F,G,S) (E Parker) D Barons 9-11-4* .... N Hawke (3) 96
3 13224-3 THE LANGHOLM DYER 9 (D,F,G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 10-10-13 .... — ● 99
4 /85/11 CARNEADES 14 (B,D,F,S) (Whitcombe Manor Stables) N Mitchell 9-10-0 .... A Tory (5) 86
5 12P-111 MARSHLANDER 28 (D,F) (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 10-10-0 .... S McNeill 88
6 25P-251 MISTER BUTLER 10 (C,D,F,G) (J Amor) P Jones 10-10-0 .... M Kinane 91
7 1P3P-22 ROYAL GURKHA 15 (F,G,S) (Miss D Eden) R Frost 9-10-0 .... J Frost 78
Long handicap: Marshlander 9-10, Mister Butler 9-8, Royal Gurkha 9-1.
BETTING: 9-4 The Langholm Dyer, 3-1 Seagram, 5-1 Midnight Madness, 13-2 Marshlander, 8-1 Carneades, 12-1 Mister Butler, 14-1 Royal Gurkha.
1988: CHURCH WARDEN 9-11-6 R Dunwoody (5-2 fav) D Murray-Smith 10 ran

FORM FOCUS MIDNIGHT MADNESS is 4lb lower in weights than when gaining sole victory last term at *Devon. Finished a respectable 5th to Bonanza Boy* on penultimate start in Welsh National here (3m 6f, soft). SEAGRAM, despite jumping sketchily, beat Ferocious Knight 15l in Newton Abbot handicap (3m 2f 100yd, good to soft) in May.
THE LANGHOLM DYER weakened 2 out on seasonal debut in Perth handicap (3m, good), finishing 20¾l 3rd to Sir Jest. Kept on at one pace to finish 10¾l 4th to Smart Tar in Cheltenham handicap (3m 2f, good to soft) on final start last season. CARNEADES has won novice races at Worcester on both starts this season. Last time (3m, good to firm) beating Royal Craftsman ½l.
MARSHLANDER 7lb higher in weights than when completing handicap hat-trick at Worcester (3m good to firm) ridden out to defeat Ringgrove Rose 2½l. MISTER BUTLER ... rival Master Of Snares 25l in Ludlow handicap (3m hard).
Selection: THE LANGHOLM DYER

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
C Brooks	3	6	50.0
M Pipe	22	78	28.2
G Ham	4	15	26.7
J Gifford	12	52	23.1
D Barons	14	75	18.7
J Edwards	9	52	17.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Smith Eccles	6	26	23.1
R Rowe	6	37	16.2
S McNeill	4	29	13.8
B Powell	13	100	13.0

(Only qualifiers)

3.10 TIMEFORM HURDLE (Listed race: 4-Y-O: £6,017: 2m) (8 runners) — BBC 1

1 122143- SANTELLA BOBKES 38F (B,D,G,S) (R Taiano) G Harwood 11-10 .... M Perrett 85
2 0111-11 PEER PRINCE 21 (D,F,G) (C Pick) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-8 (4ex) .... S Smith Eccles 88
3 344222- NAHAR 164F (D,G) (R Cross) S Dow 10-12 .... R Guest 97
4 4111- VALLEY OF DANUATA 8F (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Cooper) F Jordan 10-8 .... J Lodder (7) 90
5 213223- ZAMIL 159 (D,S) (J McCarthy) J Gifford 10-5 .... R Rowe ● 99
6 05121-4 JUBAIL 15 (D,F) (V C Bootle) K Morgan 10-4 .... S Turner (3) 94
7 363431- VIKING VENTURE 10F (D,G,S) (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 10-4 .... J Frost 93
8 66021-6 PALM HOUSE 10 (BF,D,F,G,S) (R Tyrer) G Richards 10-1 .... M Moloney (5) 98
BETTING: 9-4 Zamil, 11-4 Valley of Danuata, 4-1 Peer Prince, 6-1 Santella Bobkes, 8-1 Nahar, 12-1 others.
1988: RIVERS SECRET 4-9-10 A G Smith (8-1) Denys Smith 16 ran

FORM FOCUS PEER PRINCE beat Unpaid Member 2l Warwick (2m, firm). Previously ridden out to beat Colnage 1½l in a handicap at Fontwell (2m 2f, firm). NAHAR finished 2l 2nd to Deep Sensation on final start last term in a Sandown handicap (2m, soft), with VIKING VENTURE (1lb better off) 10l 3rd.
VALLEY OF DANUATA ridden out to beat Forest Flame 4l in novice hurdle at Stratford (2m, good to firm). Previously won similar race at Market Rasen (2m, good to soft), beating Signore Odone 5l with JUBAIL (4lb better off) 2½l 3rd. JUBAIL stayed on from 3 out to finish 17l 4th to By Line on reappearance in a Worcester handicap (2m, good to firm).
VIKING VENTURE driven out to defeat Calabrese 2l, *with ZAMIL (10lb better off) 15l 3rd, on final start in* Haydock handicap (2m 3f, soft). PALM HOUSE ran on well to beat Yorkshire Holly 6l in novices handicap at Wetherby (2m 4f, good to soft) in March.
Selection: VALLEY OF DANUATA

3.40 NEWPORT NOVICES CHASE (£2,329: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

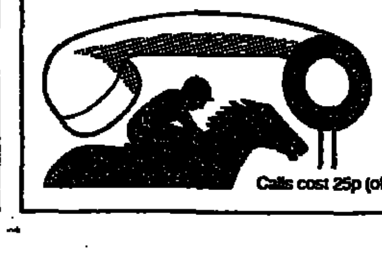
1 321006- BRONZE FINAL 171 (S) (S Musson) J Gifford 6-11-0 .... R Rowe —
2 P020-62 SAN OVAC 9 (B,BF) (Miss M Talbot) C Brooks 6-11-0 .... B de Haan 88
3 2F0/UF0- SOUTHERN REAPER 246 (J Upson) J Upson 7-11-0 .... — ● 99
4 4 TRUST THE GYPSY 7 (Mrs B Whettam) R Hodges 7-11-0 .... J Frost 82
5 42FFSP RANDOM WIND 5 (F,G,S) (Whitcombe Racing Ltd) N Mitchell 6-10-9 .... A Tory 64
BETTING: 5-4 San Ovac, 9-4 Bronze Final, 11-2 Southern Reaper, 6-1 Trust The Gypsy, 8-1 Random Wind.
1988: *ICKWORTH 6-11-0* S Smith Eccles (15-2) *Mrs D Haine* 16 ran

4.10 SWANSEA HANDICAP CHASE (£2,794: 2m) (6 runners)

1 14511F- CLEVER FOLLY 159 (D,F,S) (N Mason Farms Ltd) G Richards 9-12-0 .... N Doughty ● 99
2 303-18F IMPANY 14 (D,F,G,S) (J McGrath) T Forster 10-11-1 .... J Railton (5) 94
3 1-13122 TAFFY JONES 37 (BF,D,F,S) (M McCormack) M McCormack 10-10-11 .... Mr C Maude (7) 95
4 144-821 MARKET LEADER 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Cole) R Lee 9-10-9 .... B Dowling 94
5 4-32123 *THAR-AN-BHARR 26 (D,F,S) (J Upson) J Upson 7-10-7* .... R Supple (3) 95
6 45236-3 FARE LOVE 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Evans) Mrs S Johnson 10-10-0 .... D Tegg 88
Long handicap: Fare Love 9-6.
BETTING: 15-8 Clever Folly, 5-2 Taffy Jones, 11-2 Market Leader, 13-2 Impany, Thar-An-Bharr, 33-1 Fare Love.
1988: DIAMOND DIGGER 6-11-10 R Dunwoody (15-2) D Nicholson 14 ran

4.40 LODGE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,804: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 3042-11 TOMMYS DREAM 21 (F) (G Turner) S Christian 6-11-11 .... A Mulholland (5) ● 99
2 040P34- HIGH LAWS 133 (Mrs T Lewis) William Price 5-11-2 .... A Webb 93
3 0/006/ MELODY RUN 477 (Mrs P John) Mrs V Teal 7-11-2 .... Mr R Teal —
4 00F60-3 PENSIONER PATCH 31 (F) (B Fearn) J Gifford 7-11-2 .... R Rowe 89
5 3-33 SIDE BRACE 38 (BF) (T Stronge) D Barons 5-11-2 .... S Earle 98
6 U55-23F SUNDAY JIM 30 (H Webb) H Webb 5-11-2 .... M Bosley 98
7 0/ TOM TROUBADOUR 515 (S Musson) J Gifford 6-11-2 .... E Murphy —
8 P WIGFORD LAD 2 (G Roe) G Roe 5-11-2 .... B Wright —
BETTING: 7-4 Tommys Dream, 11-4 Pensioner Patch, 10-3 Side Brace, 15-2 Sunday Jim, 14-1 High Laws, 20-1 others.
1988: STORMWATCH 5-11-2 S McNeill (20-1) D Gandolfo 19 ran

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SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Great Shinty Game of 1887



Prepared to do their duty: the Strathglass team, flanked by their pipers and with Archibald Chisholm at their heart, before the Great Game of 1887. With two-thirds of their number aged between 30 and 50, Strathglass found the young men of Glen Urquhart too fast, too fit and far too determined, their well-organized play taking them to a 2-0 victory. In the return match, in 1888, Strathglass turned to youth, but again Glen Urquhart won the day, scoring the only goal two minutes from the end

Fifteen years ago, **Roger Hutchinson**, then a reporter on the *West Highland Free Press*, came across a group of boys playing a game using sticks, or camain, to hit a ball on a patch of common ground near Ballachulish. This, he discovered, was shinty, a game which was still regarded as the leading winter sport in some parts of Scotland. He set out to trace the game's history and found that, in the 1,500 years since shinty arrived in Scotland, it had produced a host of stories. Here he describes a comparatively recent fixture, the long-awaited first meeting of the men from Glen Urquhart and Strathglass in 1887 and its consequences.

For the shinty players of the glens of Affric and Cannich and the banks of the River Glass, something was still missing. They could not yet be completely content. At the other side of the brae, south of the parish of Cannich, a long and fertile glen rolled down to Drumnadrochit and the banks of Loch Ness. Shinty had been played in Glen Urquhart for as long as it had been played in Strathglass. One area was as fervent in its enthusiasm about the game as the other. But as shinty was discussed in those excited days of the early 1880s, a surprising, tantalizing fact came to light. In living memory, the men of Glen Urquhart had never met the men of Strathglass on the shinty field.

As Strathglass had occasionally looked north and east to Beauly and Kiltarlity for opposition, and had at least once taken advantage of an old connection of Archibald Chisholm's to meet Lochcarron, so the players of Glen Urquhart had turned their faces south and west, down the Great Glen to Corriemoney, Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston. When Glen Urquhart followed the example set by their neighbours and formally established their own shinty club in the reading room at Blairbeg in November 1884, the great divide between Cannich and Loch Meiklie had yet to be crossed.

It was obvious that the two teams had to meet. Upon their inauguration the Glen Urquhart club was presented by its new president, Mr Alastair Douglas Campbell of Kilmartin, with a new trophy, the Kilmartin Challenge Cup. It was being contested between Glen Urquhart players within weeks. Seven hundred people watched two selected sides from the glen play out a draw at Delshangie on New Year's Day 1885. The replay, 12 days later, did not take place on a public holiday, and the crowd was down to 150.

Milling among that crowd, however, were some highly interested young men from the district of Strathglass. After the match it was reported that a side of 20 Glen Urquhart men were preparing themselves to take up a challenge thrown down by their northern neighbours. Archibald Chisholm and his committee were quick to stifle such unconstitutional behaviour: letters were sent to the *Inverness Courier* denying that an official Strathglass delegation had been present at Delshangie and that any authorized challenge had been made.

But the stopper was out: the genie had slipped from the bottle when the first *bodach* mentioned in public that he could never remember Strathglass playing Glen Urquhart, and it was now running riot in the imaginations of people throughout the Highlands. A Great Game was going to take place, a demonstration of Highland shinty's new found organization and self-confidence was destined to be mounted and nothing was going to stop it.

The winter of 1886-87 came around, the players of Strathglass turned out on Epiphany and New Year's Day, and by now even the *Inverness Courier* could not resist noting that a group of youths from Glen Urquhart were to be seen on the sidelines clutching pencils and paper, brazenly taking notes and baiting their rivals on their own hallowed turf. There was only one thing to do. On January 22 1887 officials of the Strathglass and Glen Urquhart shinty clubs met in Drumnadrochit and agreed that 22 players from each club would play at shinty at the Bught Park, Inverness, on February 12.

These diligent legislators were then faced with the problem of drawing up a compromise set of rules for the Great Contest. Luckily the meeting between level-headed parish elders was an amicable one and they were able to reach agreement over an enormous package of no fewer than 40 rules — easily the most substantial shinty legislation thus far put on to paper. Archibald Chisholm's "point-scoring" system was dropped; goals alone would count.

Regardless of the tension and fierce rivalry which had developed around the fixture and which by now had spread as far south as Glasgow and London, the two sets of club officials agreed that: "It is confidently hoped that the members of both teams will observe the greatest civility and cordiality towards each other. To lose temper is to part with reason, which would be a pity." The Glen Urquhart committee then offered their Strathglass counterparts refreshments, after which the two parties shook hands, mounted dog-carts and carriages and carried back to their townships the news that the game was on.

People travelled from all over the north of Scotland to be at the Bught Park on February 12. Those who could not get to Inverness, who had to spend that Saturday afternoon in Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, or even, like the 10-year-old Andrew Fraser and his friends, on the hills above Loch Ness, made arrangements with friends or relatives to be telegraphed the result at the first opportunity.

Archibald MacRa Chisholm, alive to the prospect of Inverness hosting the largest sporting crowd in its history, requested the commanding officer of the 79th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders to provide a sergeant and 21 men to police the field of play. It was as well that he did so: the Inverness constabulary was unused to such occasions and could only spare 12 men on the day when 3,000 shinty enthusiasts entered the Highland capital from all points of the compass, anxious to watch the Great Game.

Chisholm's team left Strathglass in three brakes for Beauly in the early morning, catching the train to Inverness and breakfasting in the Caledonian Hotel. The Glen Urquhart contingent ate heartily on board the steamer *Loch Ness* between Temple Pier and Muirtown Wharf.

Shortly before noon the thousands lining the Bught hushed their voices in respectful anticipation. The skirl of pipes preceded Alastair Campbell of Kilmartin and his 22 players, wearing blue jerseys, white duck knickerbockers and blue socks, on to the field. They were followed by the favourites, the hitherto undefeated men of Strathglass, carrying flags and hailed by their own pipers.

No dwarf himself, Archibald Chisholm stood inches below several of his players. In white shirts, knickerbockers in the tartan of Chisholm's old regiment, the 42nd Highlanders, and Glengarry bonnets, the Strathglass men looked formidable and experienced opponents. They were certainly experienced — one of their number, a young man named James MacDonald, said later that two-thirds of the Strathglass 22 were between 30 and 50 years old.

The two sides posed for photographs; the young Glen Urquhart squad casually, leaning nonchalantly on their camain, some looking curiously over at the humming crowd and at their waiting opponents. Archibald Chisholm arranged his players, pipers and club officials into a kind of order, had them all look directly into the lens, and sat himself, kilted and erect, in the midst of his people.

The neutral referee, Mr Gillespie of Tulloch, threw the ball up at about 12.15, and from the moment it was struck into open play it became apparent that Strathglass had a battle on their hands to retain the proud unbeaten boast. The younger men of Glen Urquhart were fast, fit, determined and well organized.

At a signal from their captain, John Fraser, they would rally *en masse* behind the ball, leaving just one or two defenders behind, and harry the scattered Strathglass players into error and desperate defence. After 15 minutes they had their reward. A Strathglass break by Thomas MacGillivray was closed down, the ball swiftly returned upfield, and in the resultant goalmouth melée the Strathglass 'keeper, Alex Chisholm, scored into his own goal.

A spectator ran to the post office and telegraphed the news to Drumnadrochit where a large crowd whooped and a cannon was fired by Mr Burgess, the local banker. The 10-year-old daughter of a Glen Urquhart man who was farming at Tomnahurich, adjacent to the Bught, ran home to pant out the news to her family's houseful of visiting relatives. Back on the field, Strathglass prepared for a second period of intense pressure.

Glen Urquhart, spirits high, ran riot, and the older Strathglass legs began to falter. During this period, recalled James MacDonald later, "only a few of us who were in the early twenties devolved the issue of preventing the score from being that of cricket". Some Strathglass played on in stockinged feet, in a vain attempt to match the speed and agility of their younger opponents.

A Glen Urquhart "goal" was disallowed after the referee's attention was drawn to the fact that a member of the public standing behind the goal had helped the ball on its way, but with half an hour to go some unrecorded hero from Lewiston, Balbeg or Bearnock got in a decisive touch a foot or two from the Strathglass goal-line. When Mr Gillespie called time, Glen Urquhart had won the Great Game by two goals to nil.

The 22 Cameron Highlanders accompanied Archibald Chisholm and his crestfallen squad back to the Caledonian Hotel, where Maria Frances Chisholm, the Captain's wife, had arranged a celebratory meal. Mrs Chisholm had however been possessed of sufficient good sense to inform the club's secretary, Duncan Chisholm, that the food was to be consumed whether his team won or lost, and as her health was drunk good spirits returned.

In Glen Urquhart, the youths of the district were busy building bonfires. Young Andrew Fraser had been sent by the adults of Balbeg down to Drumnadrochit to hear the final telegram read out — "We got the news that Glen Urquhart had won and came up to Balbeg like deer". Telephone calls and telegraphed messages swamped the small post office at Drumnadrochit, as exiles from Glasgow and elsewhere wired in for the news or, having heard it, flooded the place with their congratulations.

The team was piped and cheered into Inverness town centre, before making its way to Muirtown Wharf and taking the afternoon steamer back down to Loch Ness. A cheering crowd met the boat at Temple Pier and followed the victors up the glen.

When he finally sank into an armchair in the peace of Glassburn House that evening, Captain Archibald MacRa Chisholm could reflect that the defeat before 3,000 people of his beloved Strathglass may have been the price demanded by fate and the Almighty for the elevation of shinty into a spectator sport so popular that it was literally threatening to set the Highlands alight.

As inevitably as there had been a first Great Game, there had to be a second; a chance for Strathglass to repair their wounded pride, or for Alastair Campbell's men to put their superiority beyond question. It took place on March 3 1888, and once again a crowd of up to 3,000 people, controlled by a detachment of Cameron Highlanders, waited at the Bught Park with bated breath for the teams to arrive from the Loch Ness steamer and from breakfast at the Caledonian Hotel.

Strathglass had issued the return invitation three weeks earlier and this time they came prepared. Glen Urquhart made just five changes to the previous year's line-up, mostly necessitated by players having left the area. Only half of the 1887 Strathglass squad of 22 kept their places in 1888. Chisholm's selection committee had opted to fight youth with youth.

In the event, it was a more even contest, although some spectators left arguing as to whether it was the finest, most competitive game of shinty seen yet in the Highlands, or simply the worst-tempered. "No man spared himself, and unusual risks were taken in the tackles and scrimmages with the result that few, if any, escaped without some mark of the fray," remembered Ewen MacDonald, a Glen Urquhart man who had watched the game as a youth of 18, 50 years later. "It was probably the most bitterly contested match ever witnessed at Inverness or elsewhere."

Whether or not the memory o their forebears urged upon them by their village elders was translated by the 46 shinty players — the 1888 game was played with 2 players per side — into a bitte vindication of clan and regiona pride, there can be little doubt tha the crowd was entertained. Fror the outset Strathglass turned th tables on Glen Urquhart, applyin persistent pressure and near taking the lead in the openin minutes when a through ba slipped past the Glen defence an only speedy footwork on the pa of the Glen Urquhart goalkeepe stopped it from rolling into th temporarily unguarded goal.

There was little light relief in th torrid contest during the goalles first period, apart from the occa sion when a high clearance lande in the branches of a tree on th field. Glen Urquhart's Alex Mac Donald caught the ball on hi camain as it bounced down th trunk, and took advantage o confusion in the Strathglass rank to embark on a searching run.

With 10 minutes to g Strathglass, despite the injectio of younger legs, were patently tiring. They set themselves to play out the draw, defending in a solid wall. It was their undoing.

With just two minutes left the same Alex "Ally Ban" MacDonald who had received a pass from a tree slipped through the formidable line of white shirts and scored. The guesting referee, Sir Harry MacAndrew, threw up the ball, watched a few seconds of desperate counter-attack from Strathglass, and called time. A huge roar went up and, a telegraph's distance away in Glen Urquhart, young boys began once more to build bonfires.

Highlanders are aware that Highland memories are long and it would not have surprised Archibald MacRa Chisholm of Glassburn or Alastair Campbell of Kilmartin to learn that the Great Games which they organized at the Bught Park, Inverness, in the early months of 1887 and 1888, would still be the subject of debate, controversy and treasured second-hand reminiscence a century later.

Extracted from *Camanachd. The Story of Shinty*, by Roger Hutchinson, to be published on October 26 by Mainstream Publishing of Edinburgh (£9.95).

BASEBALL

Cubs hit out in first inning to level series

Chicago (Reuter) — The Chicago Cubs exploded for six first inning runs to avenge their game one drubbing with a 9-5 victory over the San Francisco Giants to level the best-of-seven National League championship series.

The Cubs, 11-3 losers in the series opener, turned the tables on the Giants before home town supporters at Wrigley Field with some fine batting.

Paced by Jerome Walton's two first-inning hits and Mark Grace's three hits and four runs batted in, sent 12 batters to the plate in the first inning to chase San Franciso starting pitcher Rick Reuschel out of the game.

The series now moves to San Francisco for the next three games today, tomorrow and Monday.

● NEW YORK (Reuter): New York Mets yesterday dismissed rumours that they were to dismiss their manager, Davey Johnson, after disappointing results this summer.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kiwi discard to lend a hand

By Keith Macklin

Suspensions for four matches each on Roy Haggerty and Stuart Evans have plunged St Helens deeper into trouble and Alex Murphy, the coach, will turn to a disappointed New Zealander for help. George Mann, who was surprisingly left out of the Kiwi squad touring England, is due to arrive at Knowsley Road this morning and if he gets through a training session comfortably, he will go straight into the team to visit Wakefield Trinity tomorrow.

Dave Cosgrove, who played in the second row in the win over New Zealand last week, puts pressure on the out-of-form Paul Groves for the hooking position.

After their shock defeat in the Lancashire Cup semi-final at Oldham, their first defeat in the competition for five seasons, Wigan meet the touring team. John Monie, the Wigan coach, who is already the subject of unfair comparisons with his predecessor, Graham Lowe, has to pick up the pieces from Watersheddings on Thursday, when his team went out of the competition through a late penalty goal, and Shaun Edwards, the international half back, was sent off for tripping.

The Kiwis will be at full strength and will need to plug the defensive gaps shown at St Helens and Castleford.

Widnes's visit to Bramall Lane tomorrow will surely attract a crowd of more than 6,000 in a city where Sheffield Eagles have had to be content with under 2,000.

Hull won their first league game last week against disappointing Leeds, but it will be a big surprise if they win at Wilderspool against Warrington, who are unbeaten

Bradford Northern, despite having to recover from the bruises of the tough 16-16 draw with Halifax in the Yorkshire Cup semi-final, should carry far too many guns for the unhappy Barrow side at Odsal.

Kevin Tamati, the former New Zealand international forward and assistant coach at Warrington, takes charge of Salford for the first time after the resignation of Kevin Ashcroft. Salford are at home to Leigh.

● Craig Whitehead, the Nottingham City forward, has been suspended for eight matches. Whitehead was sent off in his side's 72-point defeat by Halifax last weekend and has been banned by the disciplinary committee for alleged illegal use of the elbow.

OTHER SUSPENSIONS: Dick Fairbank (Halifax) five matches, David Lowden (Workington) three matches, Steve Clayton (Barrow) and Paul Penrice (Workington Town) two matches each.

● The Yorkshire Cup semi-final replay between Bradford Northern and Halifax will probably be played a week tomorrow when both clubs have an open date. It cannot be played next week because Bradford Northern meet the New Zealanders on Wednesday.

CYCLING

Pritchard has 50 victories in his sights

John Pritchard is British time trial champion at 50 miles and wants to bring his total of victories this year to the half century. Two wins last weekend put him on the 46 mark and he decided yesterday to extend his season in an attempt to achieve the target that will make him the most prolific winner of the year.

Today he competes in the North Bucks RC 10 miles event, with the Verulam CC 25 miles trial to follow tomorrow. Three more events are scheduled before the Welsh RAF physical training instructor calls a halt.

Pritchard has the edge, although a narrow one, on his Polytechnic CC colleague, Martin Pyne, who has amassed 43 victories, but he is upset that he has been overlooked by Wales for a fifth Commonwealth Games. "It sticks in my throat that there won't be a place for me," he said. "I know I have something to offer for the 100km team time trial."

MOTOR RACING

Weaver is waiting for Cleland to slip up

Two drivers start the final race of the Esso British touring car championship at Silverstone tomorrow, each knowing they must win their class and set the fastest lap to become champion.

While Ford Sierras have battled at the front of the field with five different drivers taking victory, the BMW of James Weaver and the Vauxhall Astra of John Cleland have dominated the categories for cars of up to three-litre and up to two-litre engine sizes.

In almost every race, they have scored maximum championship points and if both drivers continue to dominate this weekend, Cleland will take the title by a single point.

"I am keeping everything crossed," Cleland, a garage owner from Peebles, said. "The last few races have been like walking a slippery plank — one mistake and you lose everything."

The Formula Three race at Silverstone is the penultimate round of the series, but recent technical discussions regarding the legality of certain engines may make championship positions academic.

"We probably won't know where we stand until after the end of the season," David Brabham, the leading driver, said. "I am just concentrating on racing and winning." In practice, Brabham was fractionally faster than his season-long rival, Allan McNish.

Lisbon (Reuter) — Nigel Mansell will have to wait until October 18 for the Portuguese grand prix organizing committee to rule on his appeal against the $50,000 fine imposed on him for ignoring a black flag during last month's race at Estoril. On Thursday, the World Motor Sports Council appeals tribunal postponed a decision on the matter until the committee had made its ruling.

BASKETBALL

Bracknell get the match they wanted

The prospect of a mouth-watering tie against Philips Milan has become a reality for Bracknell Tigers after completing their European Champions Cup first round success against IBK Keflavik (Nicholas Harling writes).

Although Bracknell lost the second leg of the first-round tie in Iceland on Thursday night 106-91, the job achieved in the first leg, when the Berkshire club built an almost unassailable lead by half-time, was more than enough to see them through.

A repeat performance was on the cards when Bracknell led 56-39 at half-time but with the tie now a formality, Jim Guymon, the Bracknell coach, ran his bench and Keflavik gained the initiative and some comfort.

Roberts (40 points) had been the main influence in Bracknell's first leg win but as if to show they are no one-man team, Balogun and Seaman took on the scoring responsibility in the second leg, with 28 points apiece.

GARDENING

Beware of the plant-hunter

Gardeners should respect the flora they find abroad just as they would their own, Francesca Greenoak says

CLARE ROBERTS



Foreign visitor: *Mahonia gracilipes* pictured in front of a monastery in Roy Lancaster's *Travels in China*

Our gardens, however unassuming, are cosmopolitan assemblies, mapping the adventures, explorations and plunder of generations of plant hunters. From my window, I can see Chinese buddleia, *Virginia* creeper, Mediterranean artemesias and nerines from southern Africa.

The deep-rooted desire to accumulate and vary our garden plants appears to go back to the earliest gardens; we chose double petalled and oddly coloured forms of native plants and exchanged plants with our European neighbours who were themselves looking further afield. One plant enthusiast in the Netherlands in the late 16th century is said to have set free a Turkish prisoner in return for a promise to send plants from Turkey. Later, there were plants from the Americas, and in the 19th and early 20th centuries, plant-hunting reached its apotheosis, with explorations all over the world, but particularly in Asia.

The exploits of these later plant-hunters has been eagerly celebrated with a spate of recent exhibitions, reissues of their books and in a readable and informed biography of one of the most acclaimed collectors, *Frank Kingdon-Ward*, by Charles Lyte (John Murray, £16.95). Drawing on previously unknown material, Lyte shows us a figure surprisingly warm and affectionate in his private life, who actually loved exploring more than he did the plants which paid for his expeditions. He had, however, a superb eye for a good garden plant, and as well as the blue poppy for which he is famous, sent back to Europe many new rhododendrons, lilies and the dramatic "giant cowslip", *Primula florindae*.

At this point I should own that while I enjoyed *Frank Kingdon-Ward*, I am by no means an unqualified admirer of the plant-hunting fraternity, indeed I feel that a sharper perspective on their behaviour and methods would do better service than immoderate adulation. There is no denying their courage, nor the racy excitement of their travelogues — my stumbling block is their arrogant and often wasteful appropriation of the flora of other lands, as they turned wild plants into negotiable property.

Kingdon-Ward was by no means a villain compared to others such as Henry Sander, the "orchid king", who not only condoned the felling of tropical trees to get at the plants established in their branchings, but burned a forest to ensure a monopoly in orchids. Such things hit you in the pit of the stomach, as does Kingdon-Ward's story of his search for a particularly beautiful orchid. "I did see the slipper-orchid, a single plant, and I collected it."

To his chagrin, he lost it. "It must have fallen out of my bag which was already crammed with specimens." This did not matter, however, for a few years later, coming upon a limestone outcrop in the same area, he found this orchid "was as common as the greediest orchid hunter could wish" and dug up several dozens. Later we find him digging up about 300 lily bulbs with an ice pick, out of which a hundred were discarded at once.

There were contemporary voices that cried out against such things, and perhaps, had they held sway, we should have better defences against the present-day collection of wild plants and against habitat destruction. I am pleased to say that at least some of the modern plant collectors are more sensitive in their outlook. Roy Lancaster's *Travels in China* (Antique Collectors Club, £29.50) has been my bedtime reading for the past few weeks — it is a very big and engrossing book. I read it the more happily for his assurance that he only ever collects a small amount of seed from wild plant populations, which he judges can stand the depletion. The seed is sent to botanic gardens, nurseries and gifted growers, and plants can be on sale within two years.

It is difficult for anyone with an interest in plants not to warm to Roy Lancaster's Chinese journeys, which show a man deeply inquisitive about the extraordinarily rich plant life, but with a vivid turn of phrase to describe the plants in their natural landscape and as individual specimens. Plants he was especially pleased to find in the course of his 1980 expedition to the Omei mountain in Sichuan were two mahonias new to the West. *Mahonia confusa*, with narrow, grey or green leaflets on a plant about 6ft/180cm high, bursts into yellow sprays of bloom in early autumn. *Mahonia gracilipes* is a compact plant, with leaves that are dark green above and chalky white beneath. It flowers at the same late date, with remarkable showers of red flowers arching gracefully on slender stems. The author sent seed to Mahonia specialists at the Savill Gardens at Windsor who raised plants, from which they took more seed and cuttings. *Mahonia confusa* is now available to gardeners, albeit in small quantities, while stocks of its sister species, now being propagated, should very soon be on sale. What nobody had expected is that the two species have hybridized, producing very desirable offspring of intermediate character. So far all the plants have shown themselves to be hardy.

Plants are generous with seeds and fruit, and this form of collecting, done by experts, is surely the best means of sharing the plant life of the world amongst the horticultural fraternity. Roy Lancaster himself enjoins people to wield the camera rather than the trowel, advice not always heeded.

I find it surprising that people who show respect for British wild flowers will dig up plants abroad without a moment's thought. I trust that before it is too late we learn to respect the flora of foreign lands as we have learnt to do our own, but I fear that making an immoderate and romanticized fuss about the plant collectors of old is not the quickest route.

Roy Lancaster mocks my reservations; in a recent lecture he typified me as a kind of horticultural spoilsport. Perhaps I am, but it saddens me to hear, at a conference of some of the foremost garden conservationists, the as yet unexplored flora of the world being described not in terms of its botanical fascination, but as "plants waiting to be collected".

I would argue for a more balanced view of plant life as a whole. We have tied ourselves in all kinds of absurd knots, perhaps best exemplified by a conversation I had with an orchid specialist at Kew, who described a rare Vietnamese orchid that had been "conserved". The response to my asking where it grew was that it survived under glasshouse cultivation in three botanic gardens. While one must applaud this last-ditch survival operation on a plant only a breath away from extinction, this surely does not accord with any sensible definition of conservation.

To put a more homely case: I grow wood anemones in my garden, graceful spring plants which I tend carefully to prevent them from being overwhelmed by their garden neighbours, though any future owner of this house may displace them on a whim. By contrast, the population of anemones in the wood a few hundred yards away, though their numbers may be influenced by the way the wood is managed in general, has very likely been growing there since the ice drew back from the Chilterns. Those wood anemones are part of an integral woodland community of trees, herbaceous plants, insects and other animals — and so long as we can conserve the area as woodland, will continue to thrive: I trust for thousands of years to come.

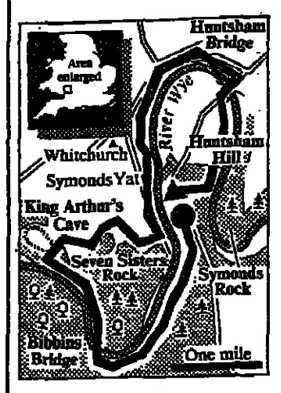
ORGANIC GARDENING

- Summer vegetables such as lettuces and runner beans are still cropping in the mild autumn weather; protecting them with a cloche will stop light frosts damaging them.
- Soil cleared of summer vegetables may be sown with green manures such as grazing rye and winter field beans, which will be all right for late sowing.
- Order your manure stocks now. I have received a number of letters from readers and experts, warning that mushroom manure I have been recommending is now often contaminated with pesticides. Horse manure from local stables is probably now the best bet, but if cow manure or mushroom compost is all you can buy, leave it as long as possible before applying it.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Lift carrots and store them, if you haven't already done so, rather than leaving them in the ground exposing them to pests.
- Set aside a bin (or large polythene bag) in which to make leaf mould as the leaves start to fall.
- Pick tomatoes and ripen them off wrapped in newspaper.
- Store ripened onions in a cool dry place.
- Clear borders and beds of weeds.

WALK



Wye Valley, 7 miles

Like a huge grass-snake, the Wye meanders on its indecisive way through the greensward of the Forest of Dean. Our walk, which is rather more economic in its use of space, begins at Symonds Yat (yat being the Old English word for gate), where we are cupped in the palm of a huge rocky hand and suspended high above the tree-hung gorge.

Opposite a cottage, a path goes down through a tunnel of branches to the Wye, then follows the defunct railway line of the "Elver Express".

Cross the river at Bibblins Bridge, a structure which would not be out of place in the remotest of jungle settings. For a mile we follow the riverbank track, after which a waymark directs us to the right over a carpet of beech leaves, towards the splendid vantage point of Seven Sisters Rock.

Soon afterwards, the path passes King Arthur's Cave, where, according to legend, Merlin buried the monarch's treasures. Excavations have alas revealed no gold, but merely flint tools and the bones of animals long extinct.

Rejoin the riverside; the path passes an inn and a humble 13th-century church as it heads for Whitchurch. At this point of the walk there are a number of roads and paths leading to Huntsham Bridge, but our best bet is to chase the river waters around Huntsham Hill and then embark on the puffing climb to Symonds Yat.

Don't take my word for the splendour of this route. Listen, rather, to Viscount Torrington, who in 1791 wrote the following: "It fully answered my hopes as being as enchanting as a profusion of noble trees, hawthorns, hollies on bold scenery can make it." If it was good enough for him, it is good enough for us.

Richard Shurey

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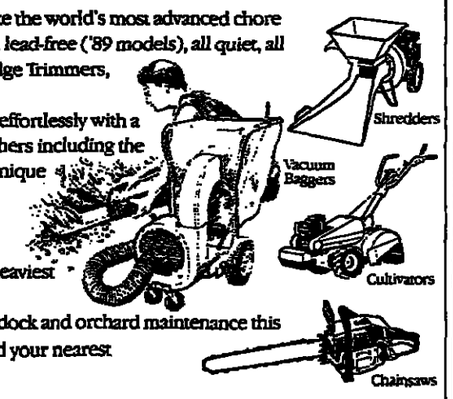
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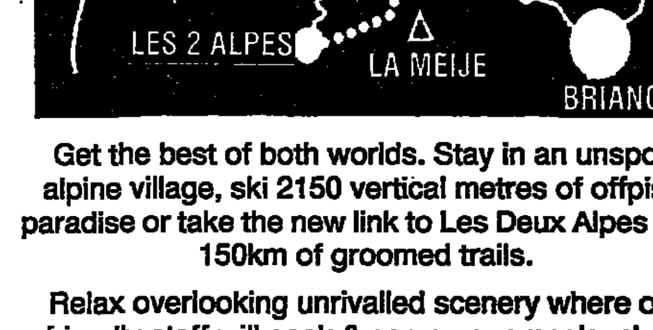
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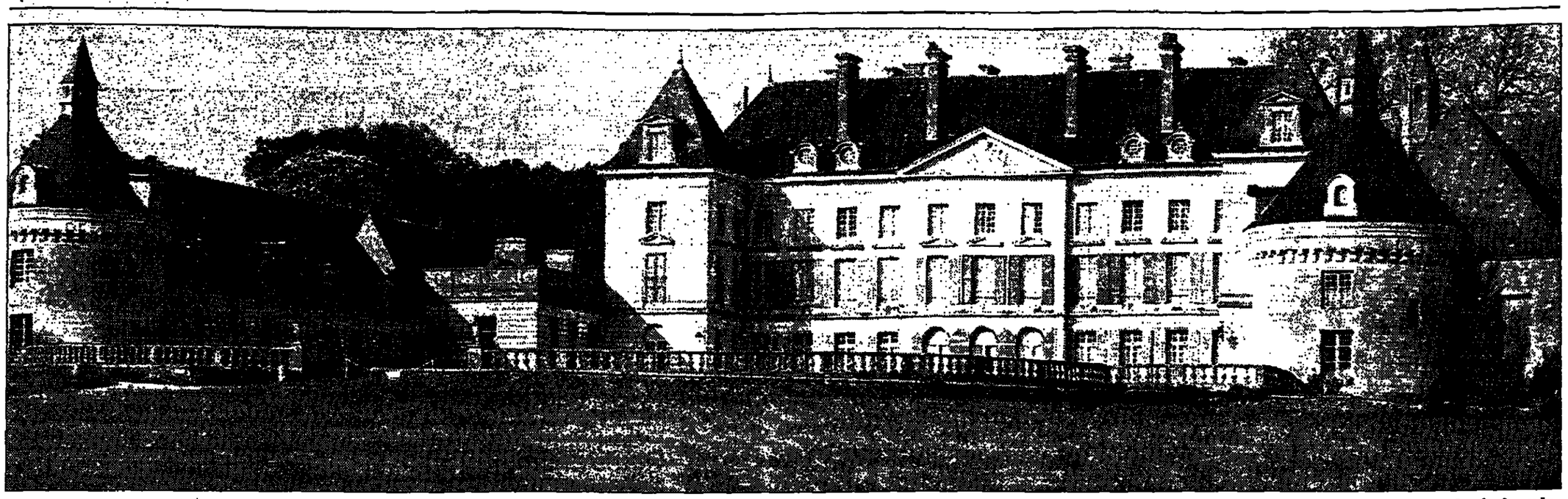
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French leave: Château de Montgeoffroy (above) is one of the few which has managed to keep its 18th-century furniture intact. Unlike many others which have been forced by hard times to open their doors to overnight guests, it is open for viewing only

En vacances with the aristocracy

The French landed gentry are getting into the hotel business with charming, if varying, results, **Jenny Greene** writes

However historians may assess the French Revolution, we must not forget that for thousands of ordinary Frenchmen what happened in 1789 is cause for continuing satisfaction.

Chopping off the heads of the aristocracy or drowning them merely achieved a slight rearrangement. Today there is still a closed circle of aristocrats as unapproachable as the Court of St James's. What is new is the realization by some that, as a result of two centuries of equality and French inheritance laws, although the titles remain, the francs have run out. *Quoi faire?* The English aristocracy has given a lead. If the Duke of Bedford can have 10 gawping Americans to dinner and pay for the restoration of a Canaletto as a result, why shouldn't the French?

Take le Comte de Barnarel du Breil. His name is as long as his ancestry; the du Breils have lived in the ravishing 16th-century Château de Teilledras in the Anjou for more than 300 years.



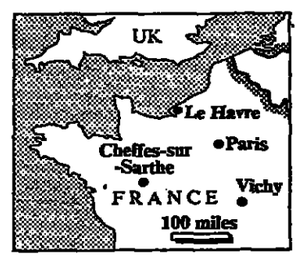
Authentic: Château de Boussac

Unlike some of the new titles in modern France, which are padded with a serious bank balance at the Crédit Suisse, people like the count are feeling the pinch. But it was the countess who clinched the deal. She allowed herself to be persuaded by France's Relais et Châteaux, the count recalls, "and I followed blindly like a good husband".

At this point it is worthy of note that, while the British "Relais" list incorrectly says "châteaux" in its title when in fact there is only one, the French list numbers 30, most run by suave managers in dark suits who direct a fleet of staff knocked into shape at places like the George V in Paris. The du Breils are an exception in that the family still runs the hotel.

Various tribulations followed their decision to go into the hotel business, not least the awfulness of financial accountability, organizing grants, complying with ensuing regulations and so on. But news of the countess's pâtisserie and *cuisine bourgeoise* got around and the business prospered.

I found it sad that today this reputation is in the hands of a chef whose pastry prompted my neighbour at dinner to whisper, *sotto voce*, to her husband that her *tarte aux pommes* was simply too tough to cut without sending it bouncing along the dining-room parquet.



But in many ways Teilledras is the real thing. Just as some of the grandest houses in Britain serve nursery food, so some of the French aristocracy think a fried egg arranged on a lettuce leaf is an exciting appetizer. It certainly hasn't put off the well-heeled and well-connected British visitor.

Quite recently, someone so important that the count could not bring himself to say who, booked in as plain Mr Smith, and the count admits he said a discreet "Mon Dieu" to himself as the familiar figure walked through the door. Those readers who would like to identify Mr Smith can find a photograph on the piano at the nearby Château de Montgeoffroy, itself a marvel in being one of the few surviving châteaux to keep its original 18th-century furniture.

This château earns its keep not, alas, as an hotel, but as a much-visited historic monument.

Faded splendour doesn't come cheap, and a room with dinner at the Château de Teilledras cost me £90. Yet it was worth it. I liked the faded red and white checked cover on the dressing table, the arrangement of full-blown roses on my desk and the human wobbliness of it all. Breakfast was half an hour late, service at dinner was abysmal. But I would prefer that to any designer bedroom at the Intercontinental with a £23 coffee and plastic croissant.



Al fresco: Château de Teilledras

Rather better value in the aristo-for-money league can be found 150 miles away in unfashionable Bourbonnais. At the Château de Boussac, bookable through La France des Villages, a charming faded bedroom with authentic draughts and dinner will cost £63 each (for two sharing).

The Marquis de Longueils, who saws his own wood and supervises the staff, comes to the communal dinner table and makes witty conversation while his daughters hand round quite delicious food. His wife and daughters chatted away happily and gave the impression that they found this an amusing way to make ends meet.

Who needs equality? Fraternity is more important.

TRAVEL NOTES

● The Château de Teilledras at Cheffes-sur-Sarthe is a member of the Relais et Châteaux group. Bookings direct (010 33 41 42 61 08).

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The heart of Europe

Continuing his bike ride around Europe, **Richard Thomson** found much beauty and some optimism in Czechoslovakia

The language was about as familiar as Chinese. The words on the sign — if they really were words — looked like doodles with far too many vowels and far too many accents. What, after all, is one to make of a language in which "ano" (pronounced Ah No) means "yes"? For the first time since Portugal I could not even begin to guess what words meant.

Not that much else about Czechoslovakia seemed at first sight very different from East Germany as I started southwards. Industrialized eastern Europe is often even more of an environmentalist's nightmare than the West, and the Elbe valley is no exception.

It must once have been a lovely place. In brief — very brief — stretches, it still is. But for the most part it has been ruined by thickets of factory chimneys, acres of railway sidings and sprawling industrial estates. I cycled for hours through a smog that reeked of ammonia and a cocktail of less identifiable chemicals.

Pressing on as fast as I could, I would have reached Prague sooner if I had not passed through a small town called Litomerive. One of the pleasures of this journey is the excitement of discovery. As often as famous landmarks turn out to be a disappointment, some unknown dots on the map emerge as a jewel.

Litomerive was such a dot. No doubt someone will tell me it is already well known, but I felt I had found it single-handed. It was the main square which caught me as I rode through: a charming jumble of old buildings running the gamut of styles from Gothic to neo-classical. The town hall was crowned by a turret that looked like an egg-cup with half an egg in it.

When I explored the back streets I found a cathedral, a bishop's palace crumbling behind rusted gates, and a vast cemetery overrun by cobwebs and weeds. Despite its bustle, the town gave the impression of having been down on its luck for the past few decades.

By now, differences between the two countries began to emerge everywhere. East German policemen were everywhere, exuding an air of incompetence and ill-humour. Czech policemen, though, were all but invisible. This should have been a relief but was not. It gave the impression of sinister efficiency.

And there was fruit. I bought some apricots at a roadside stall for fun. Fun, because in East Germany I had not seen any, and because in East Germany private enterprise does not extend even as far as roadside stalls.



Most of all, the atmosphere was lighter. Perhaps it was something to do with moving from a Protestant to a Catholic country. But even the thousands of East Germans who had moved into Prague like an occupying army seemed to lose some of their habitual solemnity.

Before their escape to the West this week, they had been filling the hostelries, downing litres of flat beer and complaining about the stupidity of their government.

In the atmosphere of panic, my own setbacks seemed insignificant. These included the loss of my sleeping bag, stolen almost as soon as I arrived in Prague. As I wandered around wondering where to stay, a voice from a doorway whispered: "Room?" I found myself following an old woman upstairs in a fine old house in the town centre.

"Room" was a quaint understatement. After prolonged haggling I became the sole occupant of an entire flat including a kitchen, two sofas, a television and a grand piano, all for the princely sum of £2.50 a day (paid not quite legally in foreign currency).

Prague is without a shadow of doubt Europe's most beautiful capital city. Its genius is to be both grand and infamous at the same time, with a hint of the fantastical in its clusters of medieval spires.

In every street there is something unexpected to look at; each quarter has a character all its own. Admittedly, it is not a place to go for fabulous shopping or dazzling nightlife. Finding a drink after 11pm takes ingenuity but it is not impossible. One evening I dived into a cellar that claimed to be a jazz club. I found a place slickly decorated with chrome mirrors, serving cocktails and offering music as good as most in London.

The evening I arrived, the castle was posing impressively on its hill against an azure sky, while swans paddled about on the Vlvava beneath the Charles Bridge. Romantic enough to inspire a clutch of symphonies from Czechoslovakia's numerous composers. The main hazard, I found, was developing a crick in the neck from continually looking upwards.

Roofs have become almost an obsession with me as I travel. But Prague seemed to push every bizarre and unfamiliar shape a little further beyond the bounds of probability. The skyline vibrated with outlandish forms: towers topped by things that looked like squashed buns, spires with five points instead of one, domes with 1,000 weird accretions, and roofs that jut out at impossible angles.

Here is a city with only one foot in the familiar West and the other in some stranger culture; here you have at last reached middle Europe.

TRAVEL NEWS

Visas for Turkey

British visitors to Turkey will be required to have a visa from November 1. The move follows the UK Government's decision earlier this year to introduce visas for Turkish nationals visiting Britain.

But the Turkish government has softened the blow for British tourists by agreeing that visas for *bona fide* package-holiday visitors will be issued automatically at the point of entry, at a cost of £5. Visas for other travellers will cost £20, and will have to be obtained in advance from the Turkish consulate-general in London (01-589 0360). British tour operators have warned that the introduction of visas could damage Turkey's burgeoning tourist industry.

● **Both British Airways and British Midland are seeking *permission to operate direct* scheduled flights from Glasgow to New York, now that the Government has dropped its insistence that intercontinental flights out of Scotland should be restricted to the less convenient Prestwick Airport. Scotland has no direct flights to New York at the moment.**

Comfort cruise

Cruises by luxury catamaran round some of the lesser-known Indonesian islands can be bought in Britain for the first time now that the operation has been taken over by P & O's Australian subsidiary. The 53-passenger Island Explorer has itineraries starting from Bali or Jakarta, and prices for an eight-night cruise are from $1,700 (about £1,050), plus a return air fare of about £750 from Britain. Information from Swan Hellenic (01-831 1234).

Spanish specials

Spain's largest hotel group, Sol Hotels, is offering a range of extras to British holiday-makers during the coming winter. Among the special offers are reduced green fees at the Son Vida golf course on Majorca or the Mijas course on the Costa del Sol, and free entrance to local casinos for clients staying at selected Sol or Melia hotels in Majorca, Grand Canary and Tenerife. Information: 01-436 9343.

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● **The Greek self-catering specialist, Manos Holidays, is offering a reduction of £40 per booking for a minimum of two people on all 1990 summer holidays booked and paid for in full by December 30. Information: 01-630 1161.**

Train drivers

British Rail has cut its Motorail prices between now and the end of March. Drivers and passengers pay the normal single or "Saver" return fare, and £10 each way for their car (£20 for cars of more than 4.5 metres in length). Motorail services operate from London to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness and Penzance. Information from BR stations and travel centres.

Philip Ray

Weekends, US-style

Well-heeled Americans fly to Europe for a weekend break. And attractive promotional fares and hotel rates mean weekend breaks are feasible for us on the other side of the Atlantic.

Throughout the winter, British Airways is selling "Long Weekender" Apex fares from £299 return (book 14 days ahead, travel out Thursday/Friday/Saturday and return Sunday/Monday/Tuesday). BA also offers "Latesaver" fares from £319 for last-minute bookings and a stay of up to 14 days.

Hyatt, Marriott, Westin, Sheraton and other US hotel chains routinely cut their rates at weekends, offering five-star comfort at three-star prices. Weekend rates are generally available for stays on Friday/-Saturday/Sunday nights.

FARE DEALS

Bearing in mind the high quality of the accommodation, the weekend rates are one of America's best travel buys. In downtown Dallas you'll pay $89 a night at the Hyatt Regency, a futuristic and architectural landmark. In Orlando, close to Disney World in a 200-acre site, lies Marriott's 1,500-room Orlando World Center at $119. And there is the first-class Sheraton North a few miles away at $55 a night.

***In Manhattan*, weekend rates at the five-star Trump-owned Westin Plaza start at $118, while in Washington DC the JW Marriott goes for $95. On the West Coast, the $79-a-night Marriott at LA Airport is ideally placed for nearby *attractions*.**

More details on these and other properties are available *through these hotel chains'* London offices. Extras? Take $1-notes for tipping (most US hotels don't have a service charge)

A word about the booking process. Telephone to check availability of both flights and accommodation. Book the hotel room first (remembering to ask for the weekend rate), then the flights. In case of a late arrival, you can "guarantee" the hotel booking by using a major credit card.

Alex McWhirter

Alex McWhirter is Travel Editor of Business Traveller

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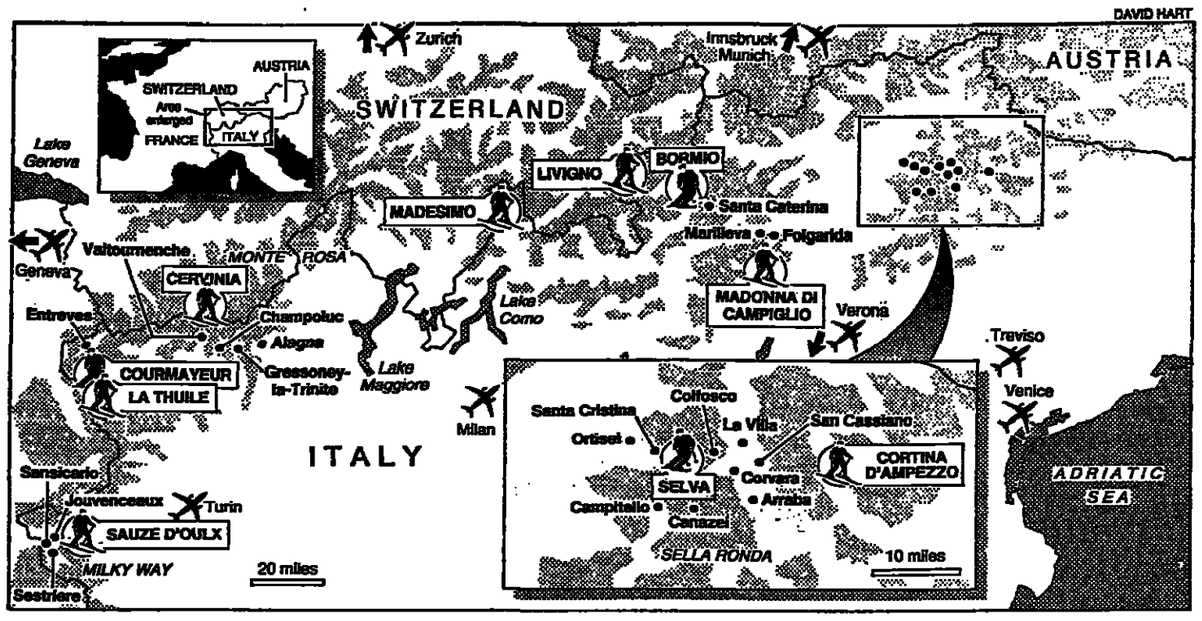
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East or west, where's best? In the fourth part of our series, *The Times* Ski Panel of professionals, experts and keen amateurs takes on Italy

Take to the hills the Latin way



THE SKI PANEL'S VERDICT

ITALY	Attractiveness of resort and surroundings	Range and variety of skiing	Snow grooming maps, signs lifts, queues	Quality and value of food and drink	Nightlife and facilities on non-ski days
BORMIO	7	7	7	8	7
CERVINIA	5	7	5	6	5
CORTINA D'AMPEZZO	7	6	4	5	5
COURMAYEUR	7	6	6	7	6
LIVIGNO	5	5	6	6	4
MADESIMO	6	6	6	7	3
MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO	6	5	5	6	5
SAUZE D'OULX	5	6	6	7	6
SELVA	8	8	7	7	5
LA THUILE	5	6	7	5	4

It is a measure of the addictive pleasure of skiing that Cabinet ministers, bankers, sportsmen, broadcasters and several members of the House of Lords agreed to vote on how much they personally had enjoyed skiing in the resorts featured in this series. Of course, no one member of the panel has ski'd everywhere in the past five years. But, although fewer were qualified to vote on Italian resorts than voted on France, Switzerland or Austria, bank managers might be surprised to see just how much sport the busy and determined addict can pack into a season.

BORMIO

Snow score: 5
Panel quote: "The town is quite atmospheric. The skiing is extensive but low-level, so sometimes there's not enough snow to get back. The Stelvio glacier is not bad but a bit flat. Hintertux is probably better." *Martin Bell, ski racer*
Height of resort: 1,225m
Ski slopes height range: 1,225m to 3,012m
Links with: Santa Caterina by bus
Patrolled runs: 84km/125km
Easy runs: 7/12
Intermediate runs: 5/11
Difficult runs: 2/5
Off-piste: good
Number of lifts: 24/32
Six-day ski pass: L. 145,000
Airport transfer: Milan 4½ hrs
Tourist office: 342 903300

CERVINIA

Snow score: 8
Panel quote: "A crafty way of skiing in Zermatt on the cheap, but it doesn't always work in bad weather when you cannot ski down the Kleine Matterhorn and other interconnecting lifts are shut. But Cervinia has some good skiing of its own — fairly undemanding but quite extensive and high, and sometimes very chilly. From this side the Matterhorn is the wrong way round." *Arnie Wilson, ski writer*
"Best skiing is at the top of the mountain, Plateau Rosa with the option of skiing down to Zermatt as an excellent alternative." *David Gower, cricketer*
Height of resort: 2,005m
Ski slopes height range: 1,620m to 3,490m
Links with: Zermatt in Switzerland
Patrolled runs: 180km
Easy runs: 15
Intermediate runs: 16
Difficult runs: 5
Off-piste: good
New this season: two chair lifts
Number of lifts: 36
Six-day ski pass: L. 155,000
Airport transfer: Turin 2½ hrs
Tourist office: 166 949136

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Snow score: 5
Panel quote: "The scenery is the best in the Alps. The rock formations are big, square and chunky — they look like castles. The town is large with plenty happening. The fur coat mob come up here from Milan." *Martin Bell*
"Cortina can be very icy — some of the runs are potentially lethal." *Doug Sager, ski writer*
Height of resort: 1,230m
Ski slopes height range: 1,220m to 2,930m
Patrolled runs: 60km
Easy runs: 23
Intermediate runs: 14
Difficult runs: 3
Off-piste: limited
Number of lifts: 25
Six-day ski pass: L. 183,000
Airport transfer: Venice or Treviso 3 hrs
Tourist office: 436 3231

COURMAYEUR

Snow score: 6
Panel quote: "Courmayeur is efficient; the Monte Rosa ski area is much underrated." *Elizabeth Hussey, Editor,* Ski Survey
"Good for mixed ability groups. You can take a cable car up Monte Bianco. There are a couple of fun mountain restaurants. It is a super place to visit if the weather clamps down on the French side of the Mont Blanc tunnel." *Stuart Nimmo, television producer*
"There's some fun skiing with some bits of off-piste, but on the whole it's limited. They've got an amazing amount of snow-makers. The town is not too large, lively — just right. I ate at Maison de Filippo where they serve 36 courses. I managed to get through most of them — and race the next day! I missed out a few of the Grappa courses!" *Martin Bell*
Height of resort: 1,230m
Ski slopes height range: 1,293m to 3,452m
Patrolled runs: 100km
Easy runs: 13
Intermediate runs: 13
Difficult runs: 1
Off-piste: excellent
Number of lifts: 31
Six-day ski pass: L. 169,000
Airport transfer: Geneva 2 hrs, Turin almost as convenient
Tourist office: 165 842060

LIVIGNO

Snow score: 6
Panel quote: "Once a penal colony because it was so remote, it is one of the longest transfers in Europe — about six hours if you are lucky, eight if you are not. Is it worth it? For advancing beginners and intermediates, yes — there are some excellent long and fairly gentle roller-coaster runs on the Lago Salin side of the valley. The village is quaint but spread out in a long thin strip. Spoil yourself with a day's excursion to St Moritz by minibus — you'll feel like a peasant from Gascony visiting Versailles." *Arnie Wilson*
Height of resort: 1,820m
Ski slopes height range: 1,816m to 2,800m
Patrolled runs: 85km
Easy runs: 22
Intermediate runs: 20
Difficult runs: 4
Off-piste: limited
Number of lifts: 27
Six-day ski pass: L. 145,000
Airport transfer: Munich, Innsbruck or Zurich are most easily reached; 6 hrs plus
Tourist office: 342 996402

MADESIMO

Snow score: 5
Panel quote: "Had a very bad experience with the hotel accommodation. Room like a cell, bars over the window, desk tiny and very basic. Rotten value and bad service from the tour company rep. Skiing was not bad — but I would never want to go back. Went at Christmas and the atmosphere was dead." *Angela Rippon, broadcaster*
Height of resort: 1,550m
Ski slopes height range: 1,550m to 2,890m
Patrolled runs: 44km
Easy runs: 14
Intermediate runs: 10
Difficult runs: 6
Off-piste: limited
Number of lifts: 25
Six-day ski pass: L. 131,000
Airport transfer: Milan 4 hrs
Tourist office: 343 53015

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

Snow score: 5
Panel quote: "Lots of fun skiing — nothing desperately taxing. Links all sorts of little resorts like Marilleva and Folgarida. It's a good place for intermediates to brush up their egos — watch out for the macho Italian boyos roaring down the slopes behind you. Some nice restaurants — lots of good pasta." *Stuart Nimmo*
"Warning, 94 per cent of skiers are Italian." *Doug Sager*
Height of resort: 1,510m
Ski slopes height range: 1,512m to 2,510m
Links with: Marilleva, Folgarida
Patrolled runs: 90km
Easy runs: 10
Intermediate runs: 13
Difficult runs: 3
Off-piste: limited
Number of lifts: 29
Six-day ski pass: L. 175,000
Airport transfer: Verona 3 hrs, Milan 5 hrs
Tourist office: 465 41025

SAUZE D'OULX

Snow score: 4
Panel quote: "Has the reputation of being the Benidorm of the Alps. Probably fairly justified. It's very sunny and all the skiing's south or west-facing, so there are often problems with the snow. The skiing's not bad — so-so." *Martin Bell*
"Sestriere, after some years of neglect, is recovering after Fiat have reinvested. It is worth visiting by all standards." *Elizabeth Hussey*
"I was a beginner at Sauze d'Oulx and the skiing was a bit too difficult in a season without much snow." *Ruth Gledhill, The Times*
Height of resort: 1,500m
Ski slopes height range: 1,390m to 2,820m
Links with: Sestriere, Sansicario, Jouvenceaux
Patrolled runs: 100km
Easy runs: 12
Intermediate runs: 28
Difficult runs: 5
Off-piste: good
Number of lifts: 25
Six-day ski pass: L. 155,000
Airport transfer: Turin 2 hrs
Tourist office: 122 85009

SELVA

Snow score: 6
Panel quote: "My favourite downhill and my favourite hotel on the circuit. I've never really done badly at Selva, even last year when I had a crash there I managed to slither over the finishing line on one ski. They're very adept at snow-making. They have portable machines so they can put it wherever it's needed most. The Laurin Hotel has the best food on the circuit. It's like a home from home. I always look forward to being there." *Martin Bell*
"Selva circuit badly needs better signposting." *John Young, The Times*
"Like the Portes du Soleil, the Dolomite circuit is a dream — when there is enough snow. You need a car to sample all the superb restaurants, so cheap, and the family inns. The Super Dolomite ski pass encourages exploration." *Doug Sager*
"In the World Cup in Val Gardena, a Brit has finished in the top 15 five times in the last eight years. Perhaps there is something about having a belly full of pasta that makes us ski fast." *Graham Bell, ski racer*
"Very underrated indeed: the Dolomites may not have the grandeur of the High Alps, but they're extremely beautiful and there's good, hard skiing if you look for it. And the teadance at Corvara's Posta Zirm is the best." *Richard Williams, The Times*
"So often in ski resorts the food is a little limited but here you have the best of both worlds — Austrian and Italian. Can't tell you much about the nightlife — we used to get whistled in our chalet, play cards and go to bed." *Jeremy Kemp, actor*
Height of resort: 1,550m
Ski slopes height range: 1,225m to 2,950m
Links with: Ortisei, Corvara, Canazei, San Cassiano, Arabba, Colfosco, Campitello, Santa Cristina, La Villa
Patrolled runs: 175km/1100km in the Dolomite Superski circus
Easy runs: 67
Intermediate runs: 17
Difficult runs: 3
Off-piste: good
New this season: 12-person gondola, four-person chairlift
Number of lifts: 56/464 on the Super Dolomiti pass
Six-day ski pass: L. 183,000
Airport transfer: Munich, Treviso or Milan 5 hrs, Verona 4 hrs
Tourist office: 471 75122

LA THUILE

Snow score: 5
Panel quote: "A revelation. I'd never heard of it until I passed through on a tour of the Aosta Valley. There's masses of wide open skiing in beautiful surroundings with great opportunities for off-piste, and a few good black runs in the woods. An intermediate's paradise." *Arnie Wilson*
Height of resort: 1,450m
Ski slopes height range: 1,450m to 2,642m
Links with: La Rosière in France
Patrolled runs: 92km
Easy runs: 17
Intermediate runs: 19
Difficult runs: 6
Off-piste: good
Number of lifts: 31
Six-day ski pass: L. 151,000
Airport transfer: Turin 2½ hrs, also Geneva
Tourist office: 165 884179

● **Our snow scores (out of 10) assess the resorts' snow records over the past decade.**

● **Grading of ski runs is as applied by the resorts, and therefore standards vary from place to place. Our easy category includes green and blue runs. Intermediate runs are red on piste maps; blacks are difficult.**

● **The exchange rate for Italian lire is currently about 2,250 to the £.**

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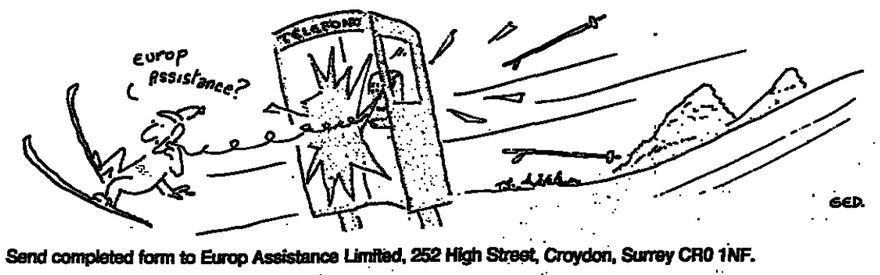


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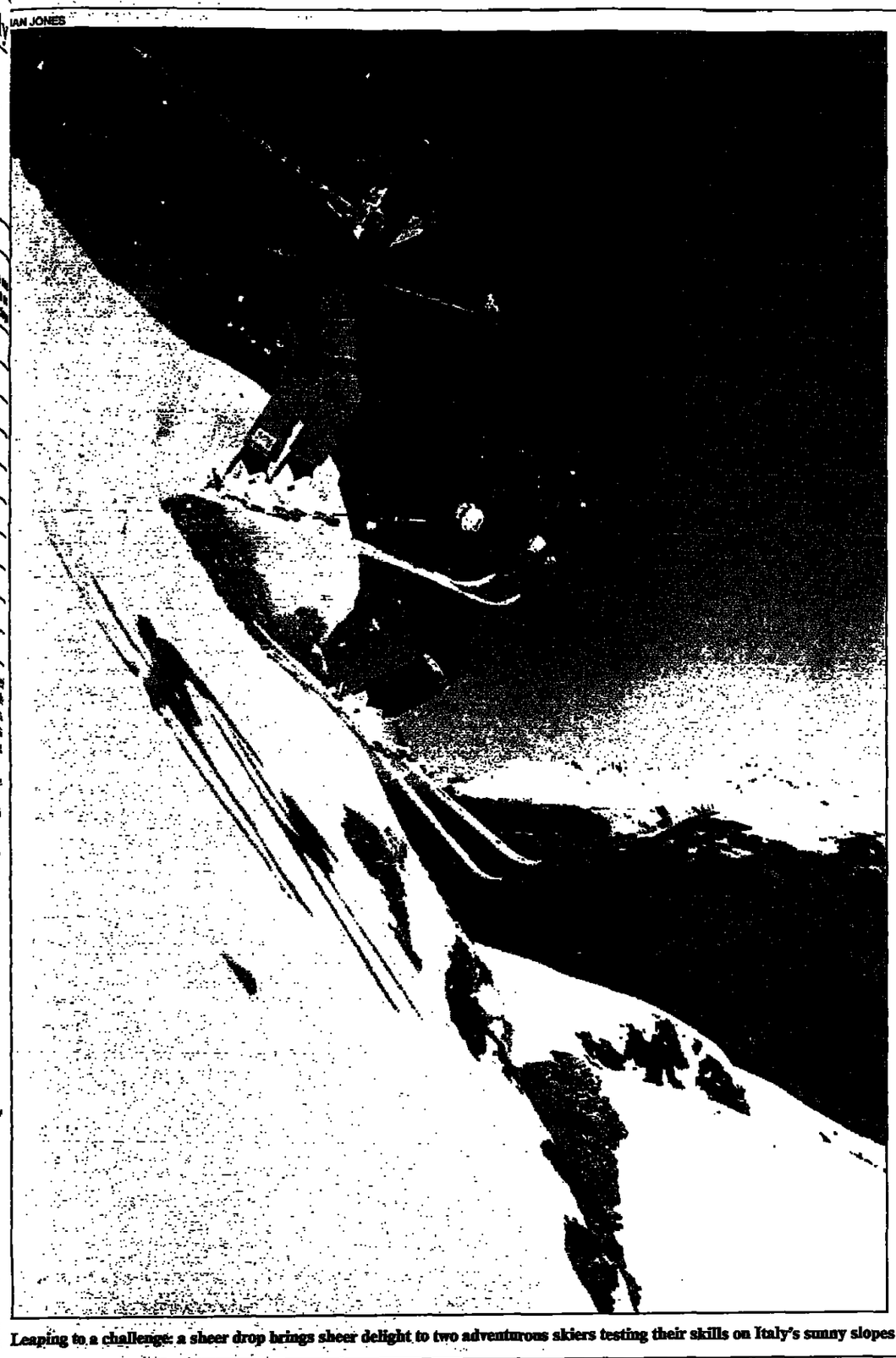
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Leaping to a challenge: a sheer drop brings sheer delight to two adventurous skiers testing their skills on Italy's sunny slopes

Doing it their own way on the sunny side of the Alps

Cheaper *après-ski* and terrific meals make up for Italy's haphazard skiing style, **Shona Crawford Poole** reports

Italian skiing is still, well, very Italian. It goes its own idiosyncratic way, recognizable in flashy ski outfits that don't always see a lot of skiing action, in flamboyant skiing that is sometimes downright dangerous, and in a by no means apocryphal reputation for facilities that are past their prime.

Italy's ski resorts make fewer concessions to British visitors than their northern neighbours. But if English-speaking instructors are more thinly spread, and weekend crowds more closely packed, the *après-ski* fun is less costly and the lunches are terrific.

The price extracted for this affordable conviviality is the thankfully diminishing practice of closing lifts at lunch-time. It seems certain to die out altogether as soon as Italian resort managers seek to recoup the cost of making the biggest investment in snow-making in Europe.

An estimated 12 per cent of package-holiday British skiers head for Italy. Early bookings for the coming season indicate that two successive winters of poor snow may reverse the upturn in Italy's popularity.

Over the past decade, and until a couple of seasons ago, Italian resorts had been losing ground. When the skiers moved elsewhere, Italy conceded the need to upgrade and modernize its facilities. Improvements continue, and so do the sales charts.



Highspot: Cervinia's snow record is one of the best in the Alps

Italy's skiing is an even less homogenous product than that of its rival European winter sporting nations. Starting in the west is Sauze d'Oulx, a resort so popular with obstreperous young British skiers that it has been called the Benidorm of the Alps. "Sowzy", to its friends, is a resort to love or loathe. Linked with it is Italy's first purpose-built resort, Sestrière. It was modern before the war and much in need of its recently replaced main lifts. Also linked, and attracting a smarter set is Sansicario.

Like Courmayeur at the head of the Aosta Valley, and Cervinia which shares the Matterhorn with Zermatt in Switzerland, Sauze attracts hordes of weekend skiers from Turin. The catchment area from Milan extends to the central area of the Italian Alps, to Livigno and Bormio.

In the east are the Dolomite resorts of the German-speaking south Tirol. Selva and Cortina, are too far from Italy's northern industrial cities to draw a big weekend trade. But when snow conditions are good in the Dolomites, late-booking German skiers sweep down the autobahns to fill the beds and slopes for a week at a time.

This winter will see the twentieth anniversary of the world's largest ski-pass area, the Super-Dolomiti. There are 470 lifts on the pass, but even the area's best friends, such as Colin Murison Small, inventor of that British skiing institution the chalet party, does not claim the skiing beats that of the Trois Vallées in France or the Portes du Soleil on the Franco-Swiss border.

The Dolomites were part of Austria until 1919, and the character of the hotels and the *après-ski* have more in common with Austrian style and customs than with Italian. Paper flags, one per drink, are awarded to the imbibers of schnapps at bars on the slopes. By late afternoon there are some predictably abandoned skiers to be watched, or avoided, and many a well-oiled evening is spent in cosy, family-run restaurants that are another of the area's attractions.

The scale of skiing in Italy is widely underestimated. Occupying the entire underbelly of the Alps, Italian resorts are stretched out in a great crescent from just north of the Côte D'Azur to the Yugoslavian border. They experience as wide a range of snow conditions as their Austrian, Swiss and French neighbours put together (*W. J. Burroughs writes*).

Being on the southern side of the Alps does have some disadvantages; Italian resorts get less snow and more sunshine, so it pays to choose the higher resorts with more than their fair share of north-facing slopes.

In the west, Sestrière and Sauze d'Oulx form the Italian end of the "Milky Way", which spreads across into France. Their southerly, and somewhat sheltered, position means that they have a relatively

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thin time. This limited snow is only partially compensated for by the wide range of runs offered by the region.

At the top of the Aosta Valley there is more variety. Round the back of the Mont Blanc massif Courmayeur and la Thuile have good snow records. The strange alchemy of this mountainous area does, however, mean that in any one year these resorts can experience strikingly different fortunes from their French neighbours, Chamonix and la Rosière. But Cervinia, over the hill from Zermatt, with its height and variety of runs has a snow record which compares with the best.

In the middle section, those resorts hard up against the Swiss border, such as Bormio, Livigno and Madesimo, have similar conditions to the Swiss resorts in the Engedin region. But going further east, the resorts become increasingly dependent on the storms that cross northern Italy from the Gulf of Genoa to the Balkans, and which were so conspicuously absent last winter.

The reason for this dependence is not only the shadowing effect of the Alps to the west, but also that the Dolomites are set slightly apart. This separation has only a minor impact on resorts such as Madonna di Campiglio in Brenta Dolomites, but is more marked to the east in the huge area around Selva. Here, the large number of resorts linked in the Sella Ronda offer a wide range of skiing with consistently good snow in all but the most extreme years, such as last season.

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